

## NEWS

### MSUE finalizing regional service district

The Michigan State University (MSU) Extension Service is moving ahead with a regionalization plan with a focus on enhancing agriculture, "greening" Michigan, preparing the state's youth for the future and improving health and nutrition of Michigan residents.

Bill Carpenter will serve as the coordinator for MSU Extension District Four, which covers 11 northeast Michigan counties including Crawford County.

Carpenter has worked 24 years for the MSU Extension, including the last 14 as the director for the Iosco County MSU Extension office based in Tawas City. Pg. 2

## SPORTS

### Wrestlers learn from CMU coaches during three-day camp



Wrestlers from Grayling and other northern Michigan towns worked on their skills during a three-day camp held at Grayling Middle School last week.

The camp – aimed at wrestlers in middle school and high school – was coordinated by the Grayling Youth Wrestling Club and featured instruction from Central Michigan University wrestling coaches Mark Disalvo, Bubba Gritter, and Paul Lyon.

Larry Duvall, coach for the GYWC, said this year's CMU wrestling camp drew 25 participants and was a success.

"We've already set the date for next year," Duvall said. Pg. 11

### Softball team announces awards for 2010 season



Grayling High School's varsity softball program recently announced its team awards and other honors – including four all-league selections, four all-district selections, and one all-region berth – for 2010.

Joni Bindschatel (P/1B) and Kirstie Wakeley (SS) earned all-conference honors. Cayla Johnson (3B) and Jordan Stephan (OF) received all-league honorable mentions.

Bindschatel was named to the all-region team.

Bindschatel, a senior, posted a 414 batting average with 16 RBIs, 26 runs scored, and one home run in 2010. On the mound, she had five wins, an ERA of 4.24, 66 strikeouts, and 11 complete games (including one shutout). Pg. 10

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## Council opts to keep police chief as city manager

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council dropped the word acting from Grayling City Police Chief Doug Baum's title and appointed him to serve as the community's city manager for the next six months.

Since February, Baum has served as the acting city manager when former City Manager David Thayer was placed on leave. The city council terminated its contract with Thayer, who is facing three

alleged misdemeanor cases in Crawford County District Court, on May 24.

Baum served as the acting city manager through Monday while refusing extra pay because of tough financial circumstances the city is facing.

Grayling Mayor Karl Schreiner suggested the city pay Baum \$1,500 a month to serve as the city manager. He will still serve double duty, overseeing police department operations.

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Photos courtesy of Akron Beacon Journal

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) said the remains of Pfc. Charles Harlan Higdon, who served in the U.S. Army and was missing in action from the Korean War, were identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors. Above, Vera Harper, Higdon's only surviving sibling, is presented the American flag from a member of the honor guard during the memorial service for her brother. Master Sgt. Michael Doremire, the senior range operations sergeant at Camp Grayling and the casualty assistance officer working with Harper, is pictured by her side during the service.

## Camp Grayling sergeant assists with return of fallen Korean War soldier

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

The brother of a northern Michigan woman, killed in a mass execution during the Korean War, was returned to the United States last week for a proper military burial.

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Higdon was buried Tuesday, June 22, in his hometown of Akron, Ohio.

Higdon graduated from high school in June 1949 and joined the Army the next year, just before the Korean War began.

In early November 1950, Higdon was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, occupying a

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Above, Higdon, who was killed during a mass execution, was buried Tuesday, June 22, in his hometown of Akron, Ohio.



## American Legion Post #106 retires unserviceable flags

American Legion Post #106 members and volunteers disposed of unserviceable American flags at their annual flag retirement ceremony held behind the American Legion Lounge and Lanes on Saturday. Since it is the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts, members were encouraged to take part in and witness the ceremony. Above left, John Hilbrecht of Boy Scout Troop #979 drops a flag into a burn barrel during the ceremony. Above right, Theodore Stephan Jr., a member of American Legion Post #106, disposes dozens of flags used as grave markers for veterans.

Photos by Dan Sanderson

Grayling Youth Booster Club & Grayling Local Businesses

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# Wood available to public through Huron Pines Fuels Reduction Project

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Since the beginning of the Huron Fuels Reduction Project in July 2009, 87 people on the Mio and Huron Shores Ranger Districts of the Huron-Manistee National Forests have received a paycheck for the work they have done funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Crews with the Huron Fuels Reduction Project worked from July to December of 2009 creating and maintaining fuel breaks on National Forest System lands and after a short winter furlough, returned to work in March 2010.

This summer, ARRA Fuels crewmembers will be working on National Forest System lands in eastern Crawford County and the Roscommon area to reduce wildfire risks. The crews are creating and maintaining fuel breaks to help protect forest resources and adjacent homes. The recent 8,600 acre Meridian Boundary Fire, which damaged or destroyed 16 homes and 36 outbuildings, highlights the critical need for fuel reduction treatments in the Roscommon area.

Prior to the start of the fuel break work, National Forest System landlines were surveyed to identify correct property boundaries. In addition, commercial red pine plantations on National Forest lands are under contract to be marked for thinning in the near future. The combination of fuel break construction and thinning red pine plantations will reduce the fuel load on the northeast side of Roscommon.

Fuel breaks are areas where flammable dead vegetation and branches have been cleared or mowed. Fuel breaks are an essential component in helping to slow the spread of a wildfire.

"In forested areas where the upper limbs of the trees touch each other, fire can jump easily from tree to tree and spread quickly," said Carrie Scott, a recreation and environmental planner for the Huron-Manistee National Forests.

Mio Ranger District. "In fuel break areas where the fuels have been removed, the flame heights are significantly shorter and firefighters are more likely to be able to slow the spread of the fire and to help protect structures. Fuel breaks are also helpful in allowing safe vehicle access out of an area in the event of an evacuation."

Crews will be using heavy equipment and chain saws to cut pines and spruces to reduce crown contact in several areas. The cut wood will be piled temporarily and chipped. Some areas where crews are working may produce easily accessible firewood. However, to legally collect quantities of firewood on National Forest System lands, individuals must obtain a firewood permit. Members of the public, including firewood permit holders, may not enter these active work sites while crews and equipment are working. Crews could be in these sites from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on any day of the week.

"Interfering with the crews is a safety concern for the public and is grounds to revoke firewood permits," Scott said. "This restriction is in place in order to prevent accidents and injuries from tree felling and heavy equipment operations."

It is acceptable and encouraged to enter these areas after 5:30 p.m. in the afternoon to collect downed wood the crews have generated. This helps reduce the fuel levels within the fuel break. Individuals must ensure the fuel break is within an allowable cutting zone as shown on the map provided with the permit and follow all other conditions of the permit.

Firewood permits for National Forest System lands are available at the Mio Ranger District office located at 107 McKinley Road in Mio. Questions regarding firewood permits may be directed to the Mio Ranger District Office at (989) 826-3252.

The Forest Service also encourages local homeowners throughout northern Michigan to take a critical look around their prop-



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erty to see if they have adequate defensible space to improve the chance of withstanding a wildfire.

Issues they should address include:

- Is your access drive wide enough to allow an emergency vehicle to drive in and out?

Many actions are simple such as keeping a 30 foot

wide zone around your house mowed and free of dead branches, storing firewood away from your home and making sure that road names and address numbers are clearly displayed so that emergency personnel can find your home," Scott said.

Informational brochures that describe these FIREWISE principles for homeowners are available at the Mio District office or online at <http://www.firewise.org>.

## City council member resigns

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council took swift action to fill a vacancy on Monday.

Grayling Council Member Kim McClain submitted letter of resignation to the Grayling City Council on Friday, June 25. She provided Police Chief/City Manager Doug Baum in person on Monday, just prior to the city council meeting. The resignation letter, however, was not signed. Grayling City Clerk Michele Moshier said a letter of resignation sent to Grayling Mayor Pro Tem via e-mail could serve as the official record of resignation to prove that the letter was submitted by McClain.

McClain was elected to the council in November

2003. McClain thanked her constituents for their trust and support in her efforts to make the city a better place to work and live.

"I will focus my attention on the Artisan Village project to bring about economic development to the area," McClain said.

The city council on

Monday, voted to appoint Heidi Farmer to serve out the remainder of McClain's term, pending her acceptance.

Farmer was one of five applicants who applied to fill a vacancy on the council when Dee Maybury resigned in March. Dennis Robinson was appointed to

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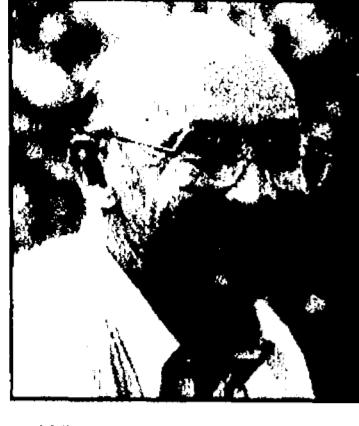
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# Issues and Opinions



## Almanack

by Richard Milliman

### For America's birthday, cherish the First Amendment

AT THE RISK of casting a temporary cloud over the long holiday weekend filled with traditional carefree Fourth of July picnics, barbecues, ball games, and other vacation activities, let's pause sometime during the next few days to consider why we're celebrating Independence Day:

Our United States Constitution is a remarkable document. The rights and protections it grants to us as citizens have helped make our experimental system of self-government work effectively for more than two centuries, and to many around the globe, become a beacon of hope for the world.

One significant reason is the First Amendment. Here's what the First Amendment says:

"Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

And that's it in the famous First Amendment – freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right for people to assemble peaceably, the right to petition our government.

The next nine original amendments cover other rights granted to American citizens, which in my opinion are not as fundamental as those in the First Amendment. Together the first 10 amendments form the cherished Bill of Rights of the American Constitution.

They have stood the test of time, and have not been amended since first adopted.

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THE FIRST AMENDMENT lists several things Congress – and by extension any lawmaking body – cannot do.

When an ordinary person, such as this writer, studies the words of the First Amendment, the answer for many of today's controversial issues becomes pretty clear.

But to many lawyers and constitutional theorists, it's all in the interpretation.

For example, the First Amendment says "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Doesn't that mean Congress cannot "establish" an official religion, nor prohibit anyone from practicing any chosen religion?

If I believe in God, for example, why cannot I express that belief in public buildings? Do not laws and judicial interpretations that prohibit such open expression of a chosen religion therefore contradict the constitution?

More words from the Constitution: Congress – or any other lawmaking body – cannot "abridge" or limit freedom of speech or freedom of the press. Do not the people, either directly or through the "press," have the right to know everything that is going on in government? How can any governmental information be withheld from the public?

Again, when a judge sends a reporter to jail because the reporter refuses to divulge how or from

whom certain information is gathered, isn't the court "abridging" the freedom of the press – in this instance, the right to gather information – in violation of the constitution?

Another example: Does freedom of speech mean freedom of expression? Can not a dissenting citizen choose to express dissent by burning a flag, and doesn't he/she deserve protection by the First Amendment for doing so? Who decides what is free speech and how is it defined?

\* \* \*

WE COULD GO on and on applying the words and standards set by the First Amendment to issues which arise today, but the point is this:

Every action of government at any level first should be evaluated by how it squares with the fundamental rights and freedoms granted by the First Amendment to our original constitution, which has not been amended since its adoption.

In too many instances, I fear, the

rights of the people – all the people – become buried in the emotion of the moment. Respecting these rights may become inconvenient.

As the welfare of the many, as perceived by those in charge, begins to override the constitutional rights of the few, which become ignored at least temporarily, the erosion of personal rights is underway.

The first steps away from freedom are tiny ones.

As our nation's birthday approaches, let's all remember, if only for a few moments, our Constitution, especially the First Amendment and the Bill of Rights, which arguably have proven to be the most significant part of our country's foundation.

Those Founding Fathers knew what they were doing.

Let's not screw it up.

# # #

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## Nowhere in the country have we seen a shelter like AVAS

To the editor:

Since 2007, my wife and I have been volunteering at AuSable Valley Animal Shelter (AVAS). My wife spends her time walking dogs and interacting with them, and taking pictures and videos of the dogs and cats. I built and maintain the website, adding the pictures and videos to the site to create a 'virtual shelter' where people can 'visit' the shelter, 24 hours a day, on-line. Our goal is to help find homes for the homeless dogs and cats currently residing at the shelter.

We have had the opportunity to visit many shelters in

Michigan and other states. We experience, firsthand, the condition of these facilities and the attitude/personalities of the shelter workers and volunteers.

Nowhere in the country have we seen a shelter like AVAS. Yes, there are many amazing people doing great things at animal shelters in the U.S., but the board of directors and staff at AuSable Valley Animal Shelter are simply top-notch.

They are passionate and caring, and work hard to find good, loving homes for very adoptable dogs and cats.

down any cats in 2009. Although Leaning Oaks Cat Haven only took in 12 cats in 2009, they are a fantastic resource for Grayling. It takes a combined effort of rescue groups to take care of homeless cats and dogs and they are an important part of that effort. Congratulations to Leaning Oaks for a great job.

The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter was also very impressive in 2009 with only one cat and three dogs that had to be euthanized (none for aggression).

Although they haven't technically been operating under a "no kill" banner,

it is our hope that the efforts of these fine people don't go unrecognized. AVAS has a wonderful facility adjacent to the fair-grounds.

Currently, there are a number of great dogs and cats looking for permanent homes. If you are looking for a new 'best friend,' it is our hope that you look close to home.

Please visit AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, or check out the Website at [www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org](http://www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org).

Chris & Boots Wright

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## Welcome signs would be nice

To the editor:

I'm not a complainer, and this isn't really complaining, but I have a question for whoever is in charge of Grayling's landscaping. As one gets off I-75 and enters our town, I noticed off to the right, just before the Admiral gas station, there is a brick wall which looks as though maybe there were plans at one time to put in some type of landscape, but was never finished, or perhaps just forgotten.

Whatever happened to that?

Wouldn't it be a great area to put in a really eye catching attraction of some type, especially if they took advantage of one of the two most important things in our town, Camp Grayling and the canoe race. What a great way to honor our military. And in all honesty, I'm surprised that we have not emphasized more on

either one of these. Sure would love to see a "Welcome to Grayling" at both entrances to town from I-75 and M-72 West with a definite "wow" factor to it. And if you were a stranger to town you would without a doubt know that we are the home of Camp Grayling and the canoe marathon. Of course, I understand this takes money, probably lots of it, but wouldn't it be nice?

I was aware that Grayling did not have a town sign after noticing other towns and cities that do, such as Gaylord and Roscommon, which are so very attractive.

Who takes care of these types of jobs, city, township or county? Are there grants for this? Would love to know what others may think about this.

Kathy Riehle  
Grayling

## 2009 PAW awards were recently decided

To the editor:

The PAW awards for 2009 were decided recently. This is the second year they were given out by petfriendsmagazine.com to honor the regional animal shelters with the least amount of euthaniasias. The data compiled is from the Michigan Animal Shelter Activity Reports from the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Leaning Oaks Cat Haven in Grayling tied for first place with Homeward Bound Animal Shelter for the least amount of cat euthaniasias.

Neither group had to put

they have still ran their shelter with that same mindset, meaning that only very sick and very aggressive animals are ever euthanized.

They won the Paw award in the dog category for 2008 and tied for first place in the cat category. They continue to be a model shelter for others to copy.

I think it's a great testament to Grayling to have such outstanding, caring and dedicated animal rescue folks in your city. You should all be proud.

Jennifer Isbell  
Publisher/Editor  
Pet Friends Magazine

To the editor:

I write for two reasons today.

I know last year I wrote a letter expressing my displeasure at the stoplight remaining at the intersection of Michigan Ave and Maple Street and I am very happy that it has been taken down.

Now to the citizens of Grayling ... this is still a four-way stop. So stop.

Yesterday afternoon I witnessed several cars coming from town toward the hospital (north) on Michigan Avenue run the stop sign. I don't know if you can't see the stop sign or are just used to cruisin' on through, but it's an accident waiting to happen.

Secondly, kudos to MDOT for the complete

mess on the business loop. Traffic at 1 p.m. on Friday afternoon is backed up almost to the off exit ramp into Grayling. Stroke of genius to survey the traffic usage in Grayling after the Labor Day holiday in 2008. No wonder travelers bypass this town and seek an alternate route.

I'm completely disheartened and disappointed that our governmental officials both locally and state weren't more involved in this little fiasco and didn't recognize what would happen and oppose the plan vehemently.

More so that the MDOT just shot another nail into the coffin for Grayling.

Katharine Webster  
Grayling

## EARLY DEADLINES!!!

The Crawford County Avalanche will be closed Monday, July 5th, in observance of Independence Day and will reopen at 9 am, Tuesday, July 6th.

Early deadlines will apply for the July 8th issue:

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Letters to the Editor...

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# Briefs

## Baby Closet to be open

The Crawford County Baby Closet will be open monthly on the first and third Thursday of the month. It will be open on July 1 and July 15, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is located at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, 400 Michigan Ave., Grayling. If you have donations, money or commodities, you may drop them off at the church, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. At this time, boys 2 & 3T and 5 & 6 diapers are needed. Call 348-2985 for information.

## COA to host "Meet the Artist"

The COA will host "Meet the Artist" on the first Thursday of the month June through Sept. On July 1, at 1 p.m., Terry Dickinson will be the guest artist. Dickinson has exhibited in several international juried shows and was awarded recognition in the 2003 Northeast Michigan Artists' Juried Exhibition at the Jesse Besser Museum in Alpena. For more information, call the Grayling Senior Center at 348-7123.

## Secretary of State to close

All state branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. Secretary of State SUPER!Centers normally offer Saturday hours, but will be closed on Saturday, July 3.

## Watch Dog group to meet

A new "Watch Dog" group is forming for residents of Crawford County. If you are interested in participating, attend the next meeting on July 1, at 4:30 p.m., at the Grayling Sportsman's Club.

## COA to hold hot dog sale

The Grayling Senior Center will hold a hot dog sale fund-raiser on Saturday, July 3, on the lawn of Citizens Bank from 10 a.m. to noon. The price of a hot dog and a drink will be \$1. For more information, call 348-7123.

## Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to [crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://crawfordcountyavalanche.com), click on community and go to the community calendar.

## Voter registration deadline nears for Aug. 3 primary

The last day to register to vote for the Aug. 3 primary election is Tuesday, July 6.

To register, people must be at least 18 years old by Election Day and be U.S. citizens. Applicants must also be residents of Michigan and of the city or township in which they wish to register.

Voters may register in person or by mail, city or township clerk's office, or by visiting any Secretary of State branch office. The mail-in form is on the Department of State Web site at [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).

First-time voters who reg-

## Mystery to be solved at Wellington

Miss Frumpelmeyer is the typical school teacher of the day, except, she is missing. No one in the small farming community of Wellington seems to know where she is. Graduation is just hours away. It's just unheard of for someone to completely disappear. Is it possible that there is foul play here?

Answers to all of these questions and more will be answered on Saturday evening, July 10 when Wellington Farm, USA and Deadwood Productions, LLC present "The Case of the Missing Schoolmarm".

It's a full evening of entertainment complete with dinner as Murder Mystery Dinner Theater once again returns to Wellington Farm Park.

Tickets are currently available at the Wellington Farm, USA Visitor Center. Reservations and more information can be obtained by calling 989-348-5187.

Wellington Farm, USA is within easy reach of Exit



## Celebrate a 19th century Independence Day at Hartwick Pines

Hartwick Pines State Park will observe Independence Day on July 4 as it would have been celebrated in the 1890s. In the 19th century our nation celebrated its independence with baseball games, field games and contests, oration and picnics, in addition to fireworks. The Hartwick Pines celebration kicks off at noon on Sunday with events concluding at 4 p.m.

Children's games and activities begin at noon at the picnic area.

At 1 p.m., the park's historian, Rob Burg, presents a reading of the Declaration of Independence, and at 1:30 p.m. the Hartwick Pines Swampers vintage baseball club will play an exhibition match according to 1860s baseball rules.

Visitors are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy the day. Lemonade

and iced tea will be available while supplies last.

Hartwick Pines State Park is located at 4216 Ranger Road in Grayling. For more information on this event or any of the other programs at Hartwick Pines State Park, please contact (989) 348-2537 or by email at [burger@ michigan.gov](mailto:burger@ michigan.gov).

This event is free of charge; however, all motor vehicles entering a state park or recreation area must display a 2010 motor vehicle permit. Cost is \$24 for a resident annual and \$6 for a resident daily. A non-resident annual is \$29 and a non-resident daily is \$8.

Hartwick Pines State Park's historic programs are administered by the Michigan Historical Center, an agency within the Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

## Library News

"Make a Splash Story Hour" meets every Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. Join us at Devereaux Memorial Library for this fun, interactive Summer Reading Program for children 0-5 and their caregivers. Stories, crafts and snacks included. Call 348-9214, for more information.

Sit n' Knit, a daytime knitting club meets the first Thursday of each month at Devereaux Memorial Library. All skill levels encouraged to join us on July 1 at 10 a.m. For more information call 348-9214.

"Make a Splash" at the Frederic C. Community Library on Saturday, July 3 at 11 a.m. This is a fun for the whole family Summer Reading Program that includes stories, crafts and a snack. Call Connie

Meyer for additional information at 348-4067.

Are you interested in writing and publishing your work? Then join us for "Write On!" this Tuesday, July 6 at 5 p.m. Share support with other adults who want to write creatively. Questions? Call Jane at 348-9214.

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# The Bible Speaks

## My America

(We repeat an article written 10 years ago, which is becoming more true each day.) My America is gone! I grew up as a country boy on a farm in southern Indiana. Our doors remained unlocked, and in the summer were usually open even as we slept. On Saturdays, neighbors would stop by on their way to town or coming home and visit each other. Neighbors warmly greeted each other like long lost friends. One year when a neighbor broke his leg, all the neighbors joined together and put his crops in so his family was provided for. When another neighbor's house burned, the community held a "house raising." There were no rich people in our neighborhood, but we always felt blessed. We owned our own telephones and maintained our own lines. After a storm, if the phones were "dead" neighbors would gather together to run the lines and repair them. When livestock strayed, the neighbors would help each other sorting out the herd and getting them back home. When children misbehaved outside the home, concerned neighbors would sit them down and teach them some compassionate lessons in civility.

My neighbors were not angels, but they believed and practiced Christ's commandment in Matt 7:12: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." Our country church down the road was unlocked and open for anyone who wished to stop in and pray, play the piano, or just visit. I still remember the old clock on the wall and the potbellied stove. On Sundays the children were expected to have the "Golden Text" memorized ahead of time. My first Bible was a gift from the church for memorizing all the "Golden Texts" for a year. I also remember church discipline as the pastor pointed his finger at me as a small boy one Sunday and said, "That young man will be in prison before he is 21." By God's grace and mercy, the pastor's prediction did not come true.

Our public school teachers were required to live by the same high moral standards as the rest of the community. The principal understood that part of his job was to teach the adult Sunday school class in church. He was also our baseball and basketball coach. I remember one day when a senior bully in our school challenged him on the baseball field. He "manhandled" him to the ground in

front of us all. We just didn't have many discipline problems. We began each day pledging allegiance to the flag. We were taught to be patriotic and to believe America was the greatest nation on earth. We even sang Christian hymns and celebrated the birth of Christ. I remember one teacher teaching us about Abraham Lincoln, and pointing south east out the window as he said, "Abraham Lincoln grew up over there, just across the field." In reality, it was several miles from there, but he made Abraham Lincoln a real American hero to us.

Today, God, the Bible, Prayer, and all remnants of "My America" have been systematically removed from public life. More and more new government laws are replacing God, only to attempt by force to do what God's love did freely when I was a boy. My God has not changed, my Bible has not changed, but my country has changed. The America I learned to love and respect as a child is gone. Only a renewed faith in God can restore her to the greatness of her past. I wonder, who really cares? Pastor "B"

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## Church Directory

Christian Science Society  
209 First St., Suite 103 - Gaylord  
(989) 732-7001

Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am  
April through October

2nd & 4th Wednesday ..... 7 pm

Sunday School ..... 10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church - Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargill  
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974  
www.michelsonmemorial.org - Barrier Free

Traditional Service ..... 9 am

Coffee Hour ..... 10 am

Sunday School - preschool, 3rd grader - 11 am

Adult Sunday School ..... 10 am

Modern Service ..... 11 am

(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist  
Pastor: Bela Kabor  
(989) 348-1909 • Services held Saturday at

Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building  
on right inside camp entrance)

Saturday Church Service ..... 9:30 am

Saturday Sabbath School ..... 10:30 am

Tuesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel  
(Bible based and non-denominational)

Pastor: Larry Hankins  
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells  
(989) 348-2701

Sunday School (youth & adults) ..... 9:30 am

Morning Worship ..... 11 am

Wed Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7:30 pm

Grayling Free Methodist  
Pastor: Rick Seward  
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093

Early Service ..... 8:30 am

Sunday School ..... 10 am

Morning Worship ..... 11 am

Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) ..... 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ  
3174 West Park Road - Lurline

Sunday Worship ..... 11 am

Adult & Youth Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist  
Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-5558  
heritagebaptist-grayling.org

1811 Harwick Pines Rd.  
(1/4 mile west of I-75)

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am

Morning Worship ..... 11 am

Afternoon Worship ..... 12:45 pm

Wednesday ..... 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God  
Pastor: Gary Wejdan  
701 S. 1-75 Business Loop  
Parsonage (989) 348-7466

Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am

Evening Service ..... 6 pm

Family Night Adult-Youth-Children-Wed. ..... 7 pm

The Church of Christ  
with the Elijah Message  
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic

Sunday Worship ..... 10 am

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Sunday Worship ..... 11 am

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503 McClellan • Grayling

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## Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, July 2 - Lunch - chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables and grapes. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Card Golf, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Saturday, July 3 - Hot dog sale, 10 a.m. - noon at Citizen's bank.

Monday, July 4 - Closed.

Tuesday, July 6 - Lunch -

chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes and fresh fruit salad. Dinner - original fried chicken, oven roasted potatoes, broccoli and watermelon. 10 a.m. Bible study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. 5 p.m. Blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, July 7 - Lunch - sloppy Joe on a bun, O'Brien potatoes, broccoli and mandarin oranges. Dinner - stuffed florentine shells, green beans, cauliflower, apricots, cinnamon apple sticks. 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. a.m. Commodities at St. Mary's, 1 p.m. pool league

and Wii Bowling, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Rummage Sale Drop at Old Hometown Furniture, 5:30 p.m. Cardo.

Thursday, July 8 - Lunch - lasagna, Italian blend vegetables, sliced beets, plums, chocolate chip brownies. Dinner - smoked sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, carrots and peaches. 10 a.m. craft class, 1 p.m. UNO Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

## Range Firing

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek, July 9-14.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Rd. and on the east by Carrier Rd., July 9-11.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek, July 11-14.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on:

Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Bald Hill Truck Trail;

Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N. Down River Rd.; Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River

Rd.; Wakeley Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation at 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

## District Health Dept. #10

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for July.

Immunization clinics: July 7 and 21 by appointment. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

Family planning clinic: July 6, 13, 20 and 27. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children. July 1, 8, 12, 15, 19, 21, 22, 26 and 28. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions. For information, call 231-876-3839.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings are available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled for July 13 and 27 in Grayling. Call 989-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings. This is a free program for children ages 3 through 3rd grade. Appointments are necessary. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

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## Warning issued for bank text scam

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said that over the weekend of June 25 through June 27, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office and Central Dispatch received numerous calls regarding a possible text messaging scam.

Callers said they received a text message from their bank, advising them that there was some type of problem with their account.

The message asked them to call a phone number, provided in the message, to clear up the problem. The Sheriff's Office wants to remind citizens not to give out their account numbers or other personal information over the phone or through text messages.

Upon calling, an automated answering service requested the customers to enter their account number, thus granting access to the account.

The Sheriff's Office wants to remind citizens not to give out their account numbers or other personal information over the phone or through text messages.

If such a text message is received, the Sheriff's Office advises citizens to contact their bank in person or by phone, during normal business hours to inquire if there really is a problem, Wakefield said.

## Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 119 complaints the week of June 21-June 27.

Twenty-three general non-criminal complaints, one delinquent minors, one false alarm activation, one assault/intimidation/stalking, four burglaries/home invasions, nine larcenies, one fraudulent activity, six damage to properties, one drug/narcotic violations, 15 public peace disorderlies, three OUI/L/UBALs, one operating while intoxicated, seven health and safeties, one conservation, one miscellaneous criminal offense, five traffic accidents, one hazardous condition, one inspection/investigation-mother vehicle, one inspection/investigation-property, three lost and found property complaints, seven family troubles-domestic, 14 suspicious situations and 12 driving violations/driving while license suspended and two driving.

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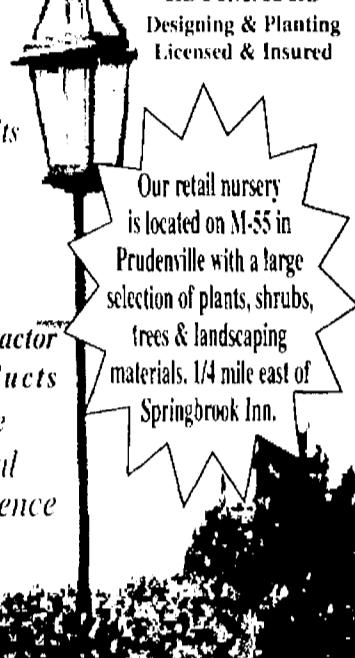
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## Grayling Little League



**Softball** - Grayling Little League's major division girls softball team recently finished its 2010 season with an undefeated record. The squad played against teams from Grayling, Mio, Roscommon, and Houghton Lake during the season. The team: (front, L to R) Emma Prosser, Chrissy Bonamie, Hannah Golnick, Hailey Pratt, Erin Prosser; (middle, L to R) Valerie Burch, Katelyn Vierling, Erin Messerschmidt, Josey Hinkle, Brandi Conforti, Skylyn Daly; (back, L to R) Coach Mark Golnick, Coach Chad Bonamie.

**Baseball** - Grayling posted a 1-2 record during Grayling Little League's annual Father's Day Tournament (ages 11-12) on June 18-20.

On Friday, Grayling lost by one run, 7-6, vs. Gaylord.

"We were behind most of the game. Three mental mistakes in the field cost us the game," Coach Scott Nicholas said. "Michael McFadna, Skylar Mogg, and Chase Lohr all hit the ball well. Adam Brill hit a three-run over-the-fence home run to bring us within one run in the last inning."

On Saturday, Grayling defeated Alcona 12-5.

"The best game these

kids have played in a while. Great pitching, clutch hitting, and outstanding fielding gave us the win," Coach Nicholas said. "Jack Kea, Cam Summers, and Dallas Johnson played well. Justin Nicholas hit a two-run over-the-fence home run to extend our lead. Exciting for our kids and the fans."

Grayling ended its tournament run with an 11-5 loss vs. Charlevoix.

"We had a small chance to make it into the championship game with a win, but we came out flat and never recovered. Charlevoix hit the ball really well. We did not," Coach Nicholas said.

"Brandon Kowalski, Skylar Mogg, and Justin Nicholas had great hits for us."

"We finished 1-2 for the

tournament and was a great

experience for our kids. They are great group to be around and I really enjoyed coaching them," Coach Nicholas said.

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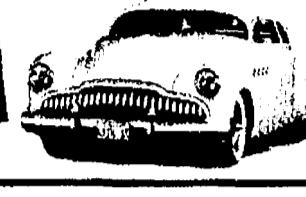
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# Softball team announces awards for 2010 season

Grayling High School's varsity softball program recently announced its team awards and other honors — including four all-league selections, four all-district selections, and one all-region berth — for 2010.

Joni Bindschitel (P/1B) and Kirstie Wakeley (SS) earned all-conference honors. Cayla Johnson (3B) and Jordan Stephan (OF) received all-league honorable mentions.

Bindschitel was named to the all-region team.

Bindschitel, a senior, posted a .414 batting average with 16 RBIs, 26 runs scored, and one home run in 2010. On the mound, she had five wins, an ERA of 4.24, 66 strikeouts, and 11 complete games (including one shutout).

Wakeley, a junior, batted .333 with 12 RBIs, 21 runs scored, and 12 stolen bases.

Johnson, a senior, posted an average of .282 while tying for the team lead in RBIs (19) and scoring 15 runs.

Stephan, a junior, hit .284 with 14 RBIs. She led the team in runs scored (27) and stolen bases (18). She was 18 for 18 on steal attempts.

Johnson, Wakeley, Stephan, and Bindschitel were also named to the all-district team.

The Vikings announced three awards at their banquet



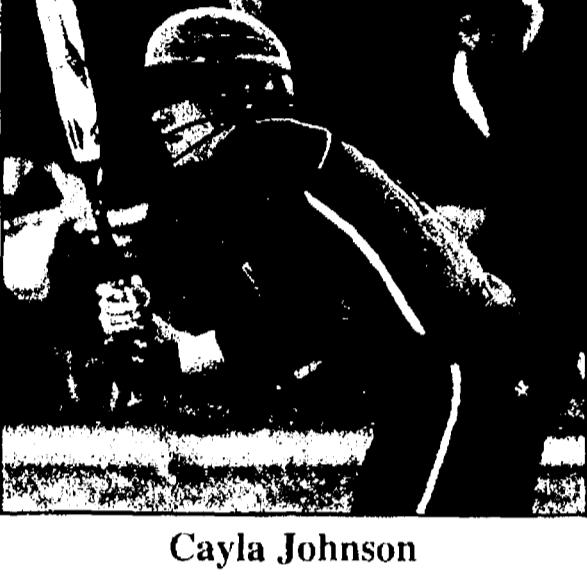
Joni Bindschitel



Kirstie Wakeley



Jordan Stephan



Cayla Johnson

on Sunday:

Most Valuable Player — Bindschitel.

Most Improved Player — Andrea Malm. Malm, a sophomore, led the team in innings pitched (117), wins (6), strikeouts (92), and

complete games (16, including one shutout). She posted an ERA of 5.19.

Miss Hustle — Caitlin Prosser. Prosser, a freshman catcher, batted .263 with 9 RBIs, 11 runs scored, and 9 stolen bases.

Johnson and Kelsey Neuberger received academic all-state honors this year. Also, for the sixth consecutive season, the Vikings earned academic all-state honors as a group.

## Grayling Country Club News

### Wednesday Ladies League

by Donna Thomson

The dark and ominous looking skies seem to follow us ladies on Wednesday although on June 23, we were spared from rain and it finally brightened up a bit.

Today in Flight A, Donna

Thomson had a low net of 31, while Jeanette Kitchen, Balkis Shippy and Donna

Thomson tied for low putts of 16.

In Flight B, Judy Williamson had a low net of 31 and Ruth Burger, Deb Periard and Judy Williamson also tied for low putts of 16.

In Flight C, Nancy Hoffman had a low net of 33 and shared low putts of 17

with Diana Doremire. That new driver of Nancy's is finally paying off.

There were two chip-ins, one by Ruth Burger on hole # 14 and one on hole #13 by Lynda Hetrick.

Later for lunch, we had either a chicken wrap with oriental vegetables and cherry sauce.

There was a sign up sheet passed around to make sure all were signed up for our first ever "Play for P.I. N.K." event. Looks like we'll have a great turnout for this special day. Until next week, that's all "fore" now.

### Tuesday Morning Ladies League

Results for June 22: Linda Marcereau and Roxanne James moved into first place and Mickey Perez and Deb Bonkoski slid into second place. Linda Fouts had a great day with a chip-in on #8, winning three of seven skins and having low putts for the day. Balkis Shippy took three skins and Katy McNamara had one skin.

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Wrestlers work on their skills on Wednesday during the 2010 CMU wrestling camp at Grayling Middle School.

## Wrestlers learn from CMU coaches during three-day camp

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

Wrestlers from Grayling and other northern Michigan towns worked on their skills during a three-day camp held at Grayling Middle School last week.

The camp – aimed at wrestlers in middle school and high school – was coordinated by the Grayling Youth Wrestling Club and featured instruction from Central Michigan University wrestling coaches Mark Disalvo, Bubba Gritter, and Paul Lyon.

Larry Duvall, coach for the GYWC, said this year's CMU wrestling camp drew 25 participants and was a success.

"We've already set the date for next year," Duvall said.

Duvall said this year's camp featured wrestlers from Grayling, Clare, Roscommon, Houghton Lake, and Meridian. Participants stayed

overnight at GMS on June 21 and 22, camping out on the mezzanine.

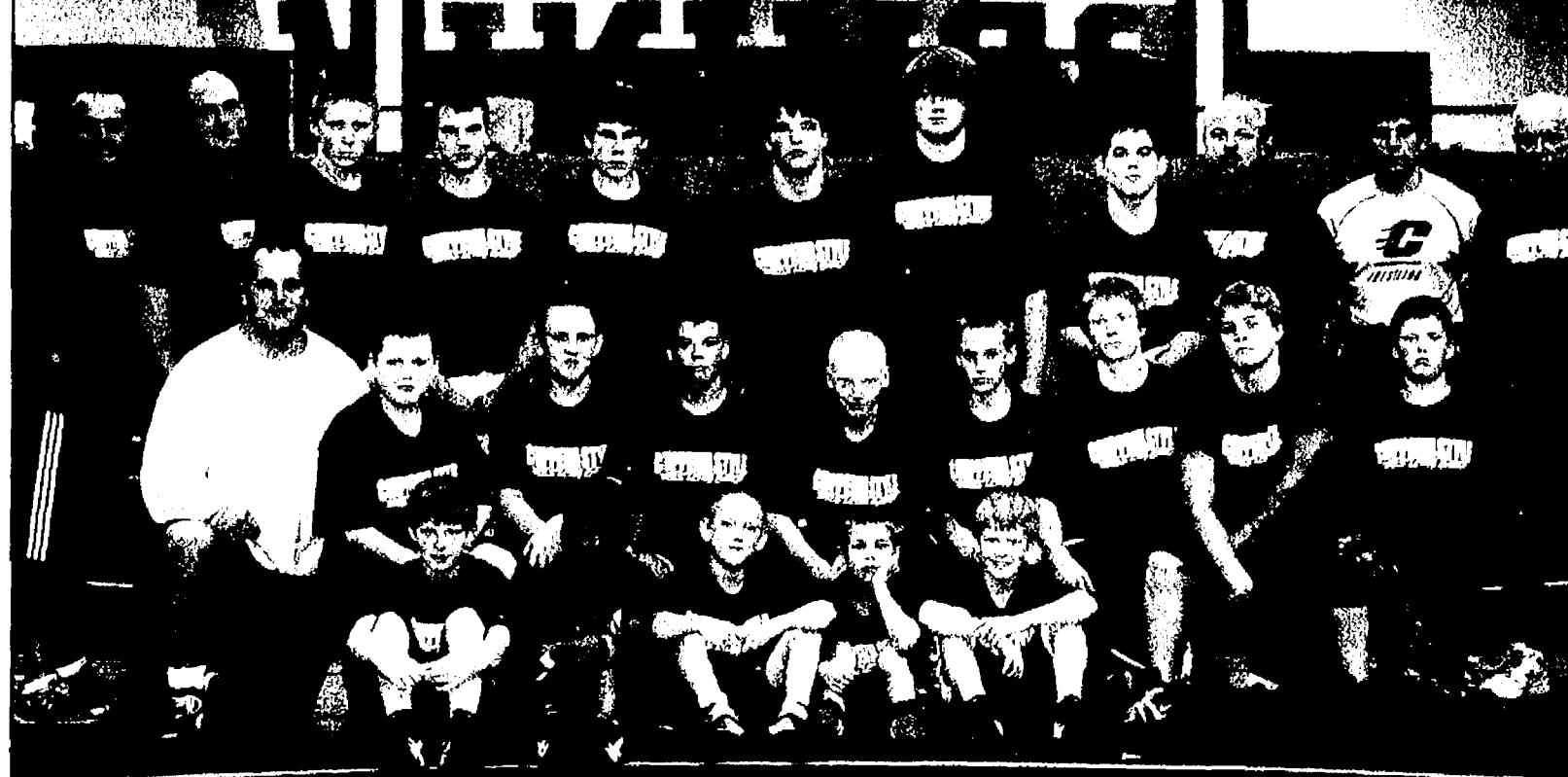
"Some of the benefits of this are to learn some of the more advanced moves and break the moves down into stages so they're easier for the kids to learn," Duvall said. "They do the drills over and over and it sticks with the repetition."

Joe Ferrigan, coach of Grayling High School's varsity wrestling program, said eight of the camp participants are expected to be with the Vikings next year. The program also arranged for the camp to be videotaped so portions of it can be used for study later on, Ferrigan added.

The CMU camp was also a partial fund-raiser for the GYWC. The GYWC – a program that includes Grayling Middle School wrestlers and wrestlers in grades K-5 – is trying to raise money for mat reconditioning, Duvall said.



Mark Disalvo, head assistant coach for CMU wrestling, talks to camp participants during Wednesday's morning session.



Twenty-five wrestlers participated in last week's Central Michigan University camp, a three-day event held at GMS.

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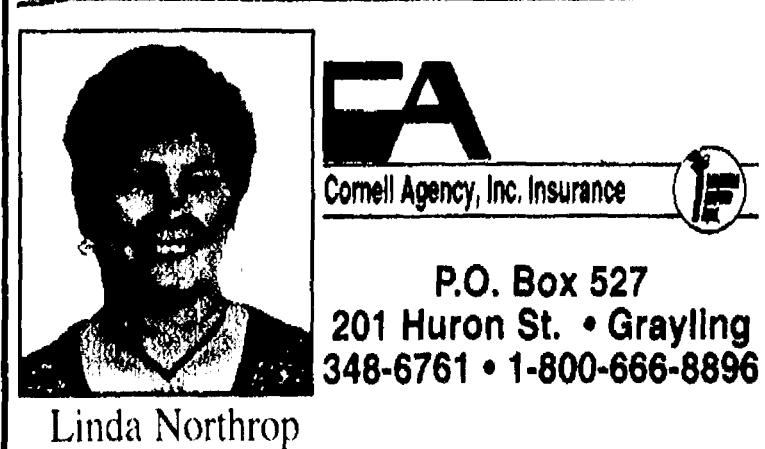
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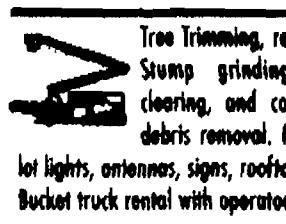
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### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Diane F. Hutt, Unmarried, Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 18, 2007, and recorded on June 11, 2007, in Liber 687, Page 285, which mortgage was lastly assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company on behalf of LSF MRA Pass-Through Trust, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on said mortgage there is \$60,839.20 due at the date of this notice. There is no suit proceeding at law or in equity to collect the sums due under the Mortgage described above.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the above-described Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 10:00 AM at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public venue, in order to satisfy the unpaid portion of said Mortgage, together with interest at a rate of 11.000%, all costs of sale permitted by law, and taxes, the property situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 22, T26N, R2W, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; thence South along Section line 834.95 feet; thence South 89 degrees 28 minutes West 50.6 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 7 degrees 20 minutes West 321.2 feet; thence South 33 degrees 42 minutes West 175.0 feet; thence North 42 degrees 15 minutes West along right-of-way line of M-72, 620.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 28 minutes East 554.7 feet to the point of beginning. Said property being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 22, and contains 3.23 acres of land. Subject to and together with an easement over the North 25.0 feet of said parcel. Said easement to be used in common by the parties hereto, their heirs and assigns for ingress and egress and the installation and maintenance of public utilities.

All rights of redemption shall expire one (1) year from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned as defined by MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Dated: Thursday, June 10, 2010

Likens & Blomquist, P.L.L.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
3290 W. Big Beaver Rd. Ste 315  
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### MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE (CRAWFORD COUNTY)

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE — Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Suzanne M. Harris, a single woman to Sterling Mortgage & Investment Co., Mortgagee, dated June 22, 2005 and recorded on July 6, 2005

at 10:00 AM, on July 28, 2010. Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of land lying in the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Commencing at the Northwest corner, thence East along Section line 388 feet, thence South 220 feet, thence West 262 feet, thence South 01 degree 11 minutes 40 seconds West 151.8 feet, thence North 69 degrees 19 minutes 35 seconds West 135.25 feet, thence North 01 degree 15 minutes 50 seconds East on Section line 297.2 feet to point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 24, 2010  
For more information, please call: FC D (248) 593-1309

Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525

File #214966F02

-24-1-8-15

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael S. Dunckel aka Michael Dunckel and Joni L. Dunckel, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 19, 2003, and recorded on June 24, 2003 in Liber 641 on Page 18, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Sixty-Eight and 11/100 Dollars (\$37,068.11) including interest at 6.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 24, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, for Point of Beginning; thence West 65 feet, thence South 330.38 feet, thence East 65 feet, thence North to the Point of Beginning. Accordance with survey recorded in Liber 218, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 24, 2010  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Harvey Smale, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 2, 2006, and recorded on June 7, 2006 in Liber 681 on Page 859, and assigned by said Mortgagee to US Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Series 2004-GE1 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Five And 23/100 Dollars (\$86,465.23), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 24, 2010  
For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Patrick D. Laeder, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 30, 2006 and recorded on October 31, 2006 in Liber 683, Page 935, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Sixty-Eight and 11/100 Dollars (\$37,068.11) including interest at 6.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on AUGUST 4, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, for Point of Beginning; thence West 65 feet, thence South 330.38 feet, thence East 65 feet, thence North to the Point of Beginning. Accordance with survey recorded in Liber 218, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 24, 2010  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jamie Wright, Married, and Karen Wright, Married, Mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Bank (Western Michigan), Mortgagee, dated July 13, 2004, and recorded on August 30, 2004, in Liber 671, Page 264, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on said mortgage there is \$44,141.26 due at the date of this notice. There is no suit proceeding at law or in equity to collect the sums due under the Mortgage described above.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Jamie Wright, Married, and Karen Wright, Married, Mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Bank (Western Michigan), Mortgagee, dated July 13, 2004, and recorded on August 30, 2004, in Liber 671, Page 264, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on said mortgage there is \$44,141.26 due at the date of this notice. There is no suit proceeding at law or in equity to collect the sums due under the Mortgage described above.

Dated: June 24, 2010  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Harvey Smale, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 2, 2006, and recorded on June 7, 2006 in Liber 681 on Page 859, and assigned by said Mortgagee to US Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Series 2004-GE1 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Five And 23/100 Dollars (\$86,465.23), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 24, 2010  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John E. McLeod and Bonnie McLeod, husband and wife and Ellen Haller, single, original mortgagor(s), to NationStar Mortgage, LLC, Mortgagee, dated December 31, 2007, and recorded on January 23, 2008 in Liber 690 on Page 32, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Nine And 65/100 Dollars (\$91,229.65), including interest at 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 28, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West. Containing 1.25 acres more or less, subject to all reservations, restrictions and easements of record as recorded in Book 089, Page 486, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.</

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas Bolick, a married man and Colette M. Bolick, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., an nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 25, 2003, and recorded on July 3, 2003 in Liber 642 on Page 114, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Eight And 89/100 Dollars (\$80,668.89), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 21, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2 and all of the South 1/2 of Lot 3, except the Easterly 15 feet thereof, Block 5, Karen Woods, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 17, 2010  
For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott D. Baker and Leah D. Baker, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Bank USA, N.A., Mortgagee, dated September 19, 2007, and recorded on October 12, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 910, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen And 17/100 Dollars (\$74,615.17), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 21, 2010.

Said premises are situated in

Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 47, Roy L. Estates, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 38, Crawford County Records, Township of Grayling, Crawford County and State of Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 17, 2010  
For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Margaret Drouillard, single woman, and Jerry Drouillard and Shannon Drouillard, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, dated July 25, 2005 and recorded on August 9, 2005 in Liber 676 on page 671, Crawford County records.

The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$10,050.00.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a public sale of the property on August 4, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., at the place of the Circuit Court in Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 12 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety and 92/100 Dollars (\$76,290.92) including interest at 6.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on July 21, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 5 and 6, Block 5, Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 08, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale; but if the property is abandoned, the redemption period shall be one month from the date of sale.

Dated: June 21, 2010  
Joseph B. Backus,  
attorney for mortgage holder  
P.O. Box 794  
East Lansing, MI 48826  
517-337-1617

-17-24-1-8

## MORTGAGE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has in a mortgage made by Margaret Drouillard, single woman, and Jerry Drouillard and Shannon Drouillard, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, dated July 25, 2005 and recorded on August 9, 2005 in Liber 676 on page 671, Crawford County records.

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Dated: June 21, 2010  
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517-337-1617

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert K. Wakeley and Marjorie M. Wakeley, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated November 5, 2004, and recorded on November 15, 2004 in Liber 672 on page 504, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight And

89/100 Dollars (\$50,888.89), including interest at 1.89% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 4, 2010. Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2, Block 3, of Dilly's Addition to the Village of Fredericville, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Suite 200

Page 7, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 1, 2010  
For more information, please call: FC D (248) 593-1309  
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31440 Northwestern Highway,  
Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525

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## 2009 Water Quality Report for the City of Grayling

This report covers the drinking water quality for the City of Grayling for the calendar year 2009. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2009. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from 2 groundwater wells located on the North East side of the City. In 2003 the State performed an assessment of our source water and determined Well 1 to have a low susceptibility to contamination and Well 2 to have a moderately low susceptibility. You may obtain a copy of this assessment report from City Hall, 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, MI 49738

• **Contaminants and their presence in water:** Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)

• **Vulnerability of sub-populations:** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)

• **Sources of drinking water:** The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, are

limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott D. Baker and Leah D. Baker, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Bank USA, N.A., Mortgagee, dated September 19, 2007, and recorded on October 12, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 910, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen And 17/100 Dollars (\$74,615.17), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 21, 2010.

Said premises are situated in

Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 47, Roy L. Estates, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 38, Crawford County Records, Township of Grayling, Crawford County and State of Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 17, 2010  
For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304

Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway,  
Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525

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### Samples Collected at the Wellhouse:

Regulated Chemical Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Our Water	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminants
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.94 AVE	2009	No	Added to help prevent tooth decay

Unregulated Chemical Contaminants <sup>1</sup>	Our Water	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminants
Sodium (ppm)	4	09/02/2009	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Calcium (ppm)	36.42 AVE = 39	09/02/2009	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Hardness (ppm)	135.154 AVE = 144.5	09/02/2009	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Magnesium (ppm)	11-12 AVE = 11.5	09/02/2009	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate (ppm)	7	09/02/2009	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Chloride	6 - 19 AVE = 12.5	09/02/2009	No	Erosion of natural deposits

<sup>1</sup> Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

### Samples Collected in the Distribution System:

Contaminants Subject to an Action Level	Action Level	90% of Samples  $\leq$  This Level	Sample Date	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminants

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# Features

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## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



**July 2, 1987 - The Grayling Lions and Lioness are sponsoring two students again this year. They will be leaving on July 5 and will return Aug. 17. Nikki Nicholas (right) will be staying three weeks with Robert Jollie and family in Bischofshofen, Austria and the last three weeks in St. Johann, Austria. Angie Larson will be staying with Peter Brisch and family in Reutte, Austria and Dr. Mair and family in Reutte, Austria.**

**23 Years Ago**

**July 2, 1987**

A request by Grayling Township for a traffic light at the intersection of M-93 and M-72 West has been forwarded to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Crawford County Commissioners at their

meeting last week agreed to back the township and send a resolution favoring the light to MDOT.

State land immediately north of Mobile Home Estates has become a popular spot for illegal dumping of household trash, tires, building scrap materials and car parts. Many pickup

loads of trash have been dumped along the trail between Wilcox Bridge Road and I-75 this year, bringing the total of junk piles along the road to about 20. Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss had a bag of junk from two piles boxed and sent to the two persons asking them to properly dispose of the rest of their trash found on state land. He sent the two persons notices telling them to inform the prosecutor who dumped the trash on state land or to clean it up within five days.

GHS counselor Vickie Green and Yetie Szkotnicki presented Leslie Fraser, Julie Huss and Leslie Adkins with scholarships to attend Girls State at Central Michigan University. The boys that were selected to attend Boys State at Central Michigan University were Mike McNamara, Ron Medley and Patrick Nunn.

Grand Marshall of the Milltown Parade, Jack Alef will be leading one of the best parades that Grayling has ever seen.

**46 Years Ago**

**July 2, 1964**

Ground was broken recently for construction of a modern A & P store on James Street near Charles in Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Welser, formerly of Utica, have purchased the Trenary

Rustic Motel north of Grayling and will operate the business.

**69 Years Ago**

**July 3, 1941**

What has been known as the Grayling Airport is now known as the "Charles J. McNamara Jr. Memorial Airport." This was so designated by the city council at the meeting last Monday. This is a fine tribute to one of Grayling's respected young men. The airport will be officially dedicated on July 29.

Miss Elizabeth Matson has as a guest during the weekend, Miss Roxie Hunnicut of Jackson, Miss. Sunday, the ladies left for Torch Lake where Elizabeth will be head counselor for her second summer. Miss Hunnicut is joining the staff for the summer.

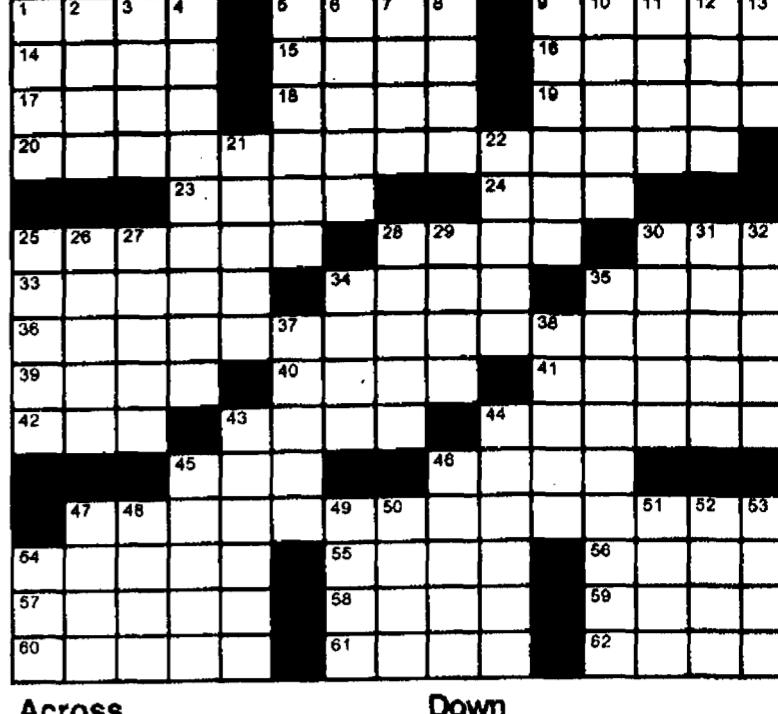
**92 Years Ago**

**July 4, 1918**

Miss Verna Biggs left Saturday for Big Rapids where she will become a student at Ferris Institute.

C.O. McCullough will retire next week from the business of shoe repairing and harness dealer and enter the employ of Ford Motor company in Detroit. For about a score of years, Mr. McCullough has been in the business here and his place is one of the landmarks of the town.

## CROSSWORD



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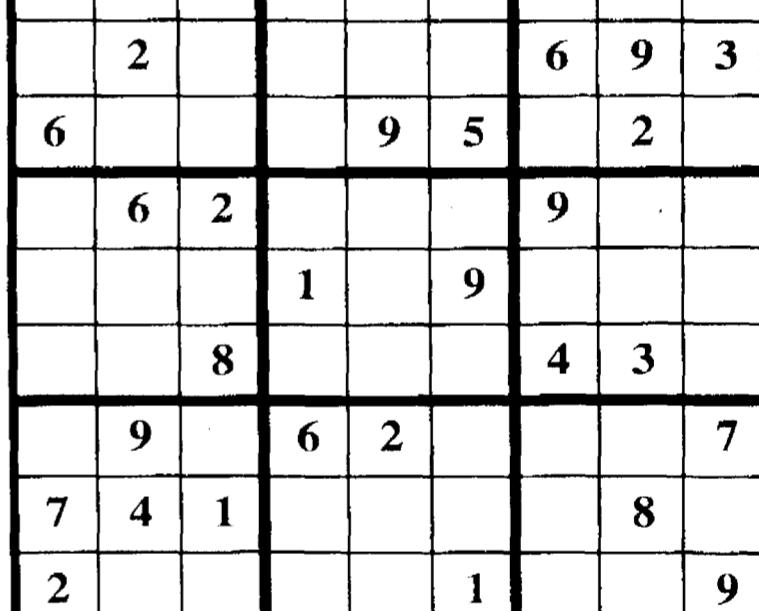
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20. Milk tooth replacement
23. Assortment
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25. Woody vines
28. Fink
30. Boar's mate
33. Of India
34. Bent
35. Baltic capital
36. Sells in a black market
39. Eastern music
40. Chill
41. Any port in a storm
42. Affirmative vote
43. Speech problem
44. Largest
45. Namely
46. He and she
47. Ability to stay calm in an emergency
54. Coward's lack
55. Benjamin Disraeli, e.g.
56. Length x width
57. Come to mind
58. Singer Ives
59. Jerk
60. Honeydew, e.g.
61. Cut down
62. Aims

### Down

1. Hogwash
2. Experience
3. Affirm
4. Musical instrument
5. Beloved of Aphrodite
6. Small part
7. "Absolutely!"
8. "It Romantic?"
9. Put away, in a way
10. Catty remark
11. Acad.
12. Reluctant
13. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
21. "Wellaway!"
22. Bait
25. Astrological sign
26. Dental filling
27. "Haste makes waste," e.g.
28. Thick, sweet liquid
29. Harden
30. It doesn't hold water
31. Baddies
32. "It All Velvet" (Mel Tormé autobiography)
34. Captures
35. For immediate use
37. Corn
38. Stealer
43. Lend an ear
44. Totally
45. Left-hand page
46. cotta
47. French for father
48. Commuter line
49. Beaks
50. Net lining in a woman's hat
51. "Pumping —"
52. Doofus
53. Relays by horses
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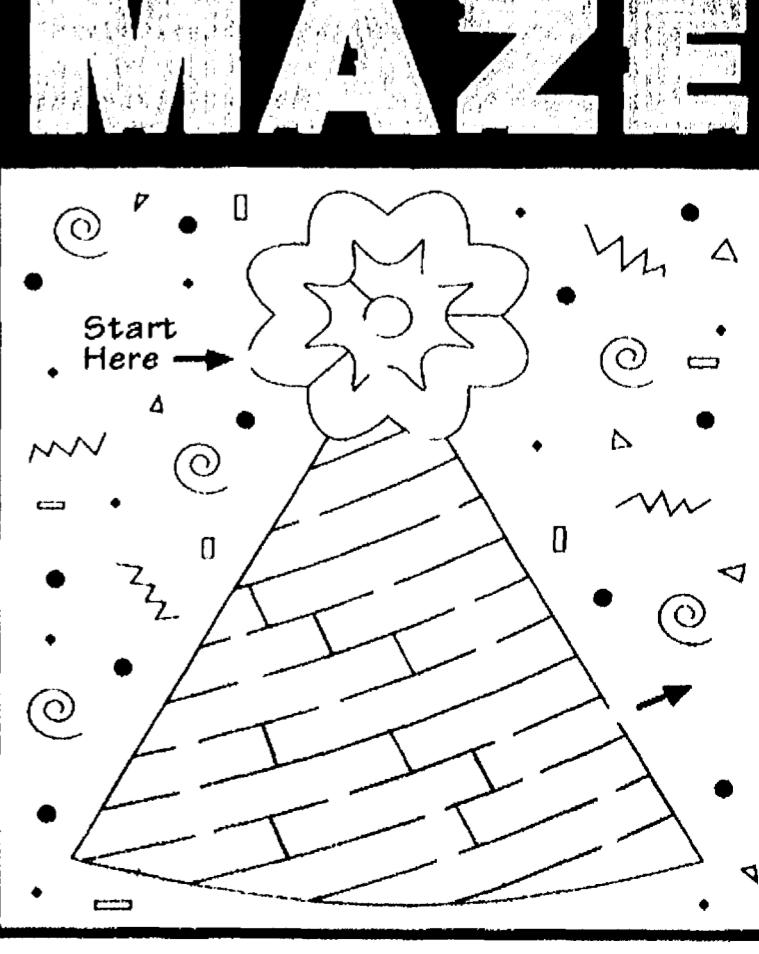
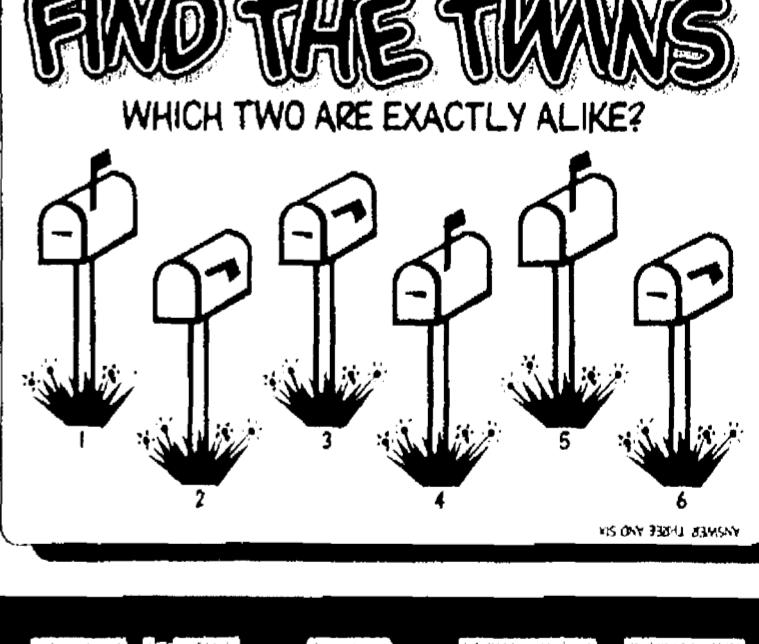
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Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

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10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website [www.asvc.petfinder.com](http://www.asvc.petfinder.com)

**WEATHER**  
Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week		Extended Forecast							
Date	H	L	Rain Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
6/22	83	52	0.20						
6/23	82	65	0						
6/24	78	63	0.36	High	High	High	High	High	High
6/25	72	45	0	73	79	82	83	79	80
6/26	74	45	0.17	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
6/27	78	48	0.01	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Party Cloudy	Scattered T-Storms	Scattered T-Storms
6/28	76	60	0.21						

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



### SPARKLING MARSHMALLOW CRISPY TREATS

#### Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1 bag (10-1/2 oz.)
- Miniature Marshmallows
- 6 cups crisp rice cereal

#### Directions:

LINE 13x9-inch pan with foil, with ends of foil extending over sides of pan; lightly grease foil. MICROWAVE butter in large microwavable bowl on HIGH 45 sec. or until melted. Add marshmallows; toss to coat. Microwave 1-1/2 min. or until marshmallows are completely melted, stirring after 45 sec. Add cereal; mix well. Press cereal mixture firmly onto bottom of prepared pan; cool. REMOVE cereal mixture from pan, using foil handles. Cut into star shapes, using large star-shaped cookie cutter. Insert wooden stick into side of each star. Decorate with gels and sprinkles. Store in airtight container at room temperature.

Prep Time: 15 min

Total Time: 15 min

Makes: 24 servings

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## 1. Real Estate

**HOUSE FOR SALE** 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, \$72,500. 586-446-0004. (-2/8/10/tf/1)

**ROSCO 3 BEDROOM**, 2 Bath home, clean, energy efficient, 2.5 car garage with private AuSable River Access \$99,000. 248-875-3929. (-10-17-24-1-8-15/1)

**RECENTLY FORE-CLOSED** Special Financing Available, any credit, any income. Mobile home 3 bed, 2 bath, 1612 sq. ft. Located at 11873 Ellison Dr., Roscommon, \$69,900. Visit us at [www.roselandco.com/8S3](http://www.roselandco.com/8S3). Drive by, then call 866-924-8348. (-1/1)

## 2. For Rent

**APARTMENT OR COTTAGE** for rent 348-3215. (-1-8/2)

**SMALL HOUSE** near town. 2 BR/1Bath, W/D hook up, non smoking, no pets, \$450/mo, 989-390-2908. (-4/1/10/tf/2)

**FOR RENT** Two bedroom apartment, located at 911 Elm St., Grayling. \$475 per month plus deposit and utilities. Lawn care and snow plowing included. Call Northwood rentals 989-344-8787. (-1-8/2)

**FOR RENT 1 BEDROOM** apartment, located in town. \$500 per month, utilities included. Call 989-370-2745 or 989-710-1194. (-7/1/10/tf/2)

**SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE** at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

**LARGE 4 BEDROOM HOUSE** in city \$650 per month includes water. Security deposit & lease. Gas and electric extra. 989-348-4443. (-6/10/10/tf/2)

**3 BEDROOM** near Higgins Lake \$575 a month plus deposit and utilities. No pets. 821-6225. (-5/3/10/tf/2)

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**Century 21**  
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"House Calls"  
Call Pete Kocefas  
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989-344-1800  
Grayling

## 2. For Rent

**FOR RENT OR LEASE**  
2200 Sq. ft. building  
5615 West M-72, Grayling.  
\$900.00 per month Available April 15th

Call Kelly at  
989-348-4831

## 2. For Rent

**201 FULTON ST.** One bedroom upper level apartment. Intercom from apartment to locked security door. Air conditioned, individual locked storage in basement with washer and dryer. Garage with auto opener. Non smoking only and no pets - \$485 per month. \$450 security deposit plus utilities. References required. Call 989-350-4050. (-6/17/10/tf/2)

**FOR RENT** 3 bedroom \$500 month, non-smoking. 6 miles east of Grayling, leave message 348-2051. (-1-8/2)

## 3. Employment

**HIGH PAYING CAREERS** for men/women in transportation. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School. Call toll free for information 1-888-602-5966, [www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com](http://www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com). (-LR 08/26/10/3)

**FULL TIME CARETAKER WANTED** Viking Recreational Club of Waters, seeks a full-time residential caretaker to start prior to September 1. Duties include maintaining equipment and roads, mowing, snowplowing, daily fence line and cabin inspections, and security. Club owns the necessary equipment. Handyman work for members is a potential source of extra income. Must be a self starter and able to work unsupervised. Must be good with people. Qualified candidates only. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience and skills. Compensation includes a modern, attractive house on the lake. Send resumes to Viking Recreational Club ATT Personnel Dept., PO Box 1, Clarklake, MI. 49234-0001. (-17-24-1/3)

**DENTAL ASSISTANT** Seeking experienced dental assistant. Experience is required. Preference given to CDA/RDA and/or other formal training. Position is 4 days per week (full-time), 8 hours /day. Salary is very competitive and is variable with experience, training and interview. Please respond to 989-344-0100. Resume required. (-1/3)

**APPLIANCE REPAIR** For the best service on all major brand appliances call Hometown Heating and Cooling, Grayling at 989-348-4252. (-09/17/09/tf/4)

**FREE REMOVAL** of unwanted washers, dryers, stoves and other miscellaneous scrap metal. 348-3514. (-1-8/4)

## 3. Employment

**HELP WANTED** Mt. Hope Lutheran Church. Part time office help 10 - 12 hours per week, flexible hours. Preparation of weekly church bulletin and other similar duties as required. Salary is negotiable, good, computer skills required. Leave a message at 989-348-5921 or 989-448-4198. (-24-1/3)

**EMPLOYEES WANTED** to sell on our routes. Truck provided, training provided. Cash paid daily. Call 989-390-0902- Lisa, 989-390-3930- Marty. (-1-8/3)

**HELP WANTED CASHIER** Evergreen Party Store, Roscommon, 989-821-5425. (-1-8/3)

**WANTED BARTENDER** at the Two Track, 3997 East M-72. Apply within. (-1-8/3)

## 4. Services Offered

**DALE'S PRESSURE WASH** - specializing in stripping, sealing, restoration of log cabins, homes, decks. Moss removal from roofs, etc. Painting service available. 16 years experience. 989-821-5310. (-10-17-24-1/4)

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**RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT** all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04/tf/4)

**YARD CARE** Mowing, raking, hauling. Small fix-it jobs or what ever you need. 989-745-4498. (-1-8/4)

**DAYCARE** has full & part-time openings for summer. Hours 7:30 - 5, Monday - Friday. Fun activities planned. Licensed, CPR first aid training, 348-3525. (-17-24-1/4))

**D. HAWES** / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08/tf/4)

**APPLIANCE AND FURNACE PARTS** All major brands. Most parts in stock. Appliance Parts 6840 M-72 West, Grayling, across from the Ole Barn. 989-348-5971. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. (-1-8-15-22-29/4)

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**YOUR BUSINESS YOUR HOURS** PT/FT installers needed to sell & install an unique energy saving construction related product. Very, very profitable. Proven results. Call Richard (989)422-6284.

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**LIFE PROBLEMS** getting you down? Call GRACE Center, 989-348-2544. (3/19/09/tf/4)

**GAMBLING PROBLEMS?** Call Grace Center for help, 989-348-2544. (6/10/10/tf/4)

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**ONE DAY ONLY • MUST BE SOLD** Mattresses • Box Springs • Love Seats • Sofas • End/Coffee Tables • Recliners • Hundreds of Pieces. Discontinued or Damaged. No Reasonable Offer Refused. No Wholesalers. Saturday, July 3rd, 8:30am-3:00pm **COMFORT CENTER** 6351 M-72 WEST • GRAYLING

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## 4 Services Offered

**CARETAKER**, lawn mowing, commercial, home, cabin patrol. Uniform security. Call A1 Security. Mike Ingalls 989-344-0868. (-1-15-22/4)

## 8. Announcements

**Terry's Sport Center**  
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## 4 Services Offered

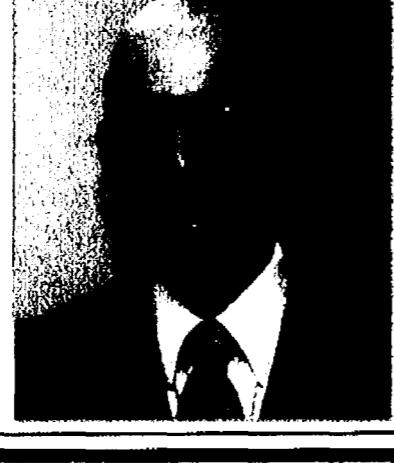
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## 5. For Sale

**DRY OAK FIREWOOD** Delivered stacked \$50. 344-6871. (-1-8/5)

## 8. Announcements

On July 10th - If you see Charlie  
pick be sure and wish him a happy 75th!



-From your family & friends.

## 5. For Sale

**FOR SALE** Full black brush guard off 05 Chevy Extended cab \$200 OBO. Leer high back topper Silverbirch, off same truck \$500 OBO. X-Box 360 with Guitar Hero, some games included \$200. 348-2052. (-1/5)

## 1982 BAYLINER

**EXPLORER**. Hard top 20 foot Mercruiser V-4 with trailer, boat restored - runs like new. \$4,000 OBO, 989-348-1711. (-24/5)

## FOR SALE ANTIQUE

**CHINA** cabinet - cash \$250. Antique dresser with 3 drawers \$200. 989-348-0175. (-24-1/5)

## ANTIQUES ALLIS

**CHALMERS TRACTOR** Model C. Looks great, runs great, \$1,800. Call 989-348-9827. (-1-8/5)

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## CABIN LOGS

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**OPEN MIC NIGHT** July 2, 6 - 8 p.m. Flowers by Josie/Thanks A Latte. Everyone welcome. (-1/8)

## 9 Personals

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## 10 Garage Sales

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**GARAGE SALE FRIDAY** July 2 & 3. 3143 Poplar Ave., off Margrethe Blvd., 9 - 4. Something for everyone. (-1/10)

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**GARAGE SALE JULY 1, 2, 3. 9 - 4.** Unit 19, Cornell Storage behind Walgreens. Household, dishes, teen jeans, misc. (-1/10)

## 10 Garage Sales

**GARAGE SALE** July 2, 3, 4. 182 N. Roberts Road. (-1/10)

**BIG SALE** 124 Isenhauer. July 1, 2, 3, 4. 9 - 5. Dorm fridge, Lexmark printer, dolls (NIB), Roller blades, basketball hoop, Yale come along, skis, tires, furniture, glassware, XLT - 2XLT men's clothes, large women's clothes, antique oak rocker, wicker chair, Kellogg crank phone, Lots of cool old stuff. (-1/10)

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Early deadlines will apply for the July 8th issue:

**Display Ads...**

Thurs., July 1st • 5 pm

**Letters to the Editor...**

Thurs., July 1st • noon

**Classified Display...**

Fri., July 2nd • noon

**Classified Word...**

Tues., July 7th • noon

# Council opts to keep police chief as city manager

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By not filling the city manager's position, the city will save about \$28,000 over the next six months.

Schreiner said the amount would be higher, but the city is covering Thayer's health insurance for 180 days as part of his severance pay off.

"That's the contract and we will follow that," Schreiner said.

Over the course of a year, the city would save \$66,000 if Baum agrees to stay in the position.

The council voted to approve the employee pact by a 3-to-0 vote. Schreiner, Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Akers and Council Member Dennis Robinson attended the meeting. Council Member Kim McClain resigned prior to the meeting and Council Member Karl DeVries was excused from attending the meeting.

"On Monday, she will be back and it will be business as usual," Schreiner said.

The \$1,500 stipend will carry over into the next fiscal year. During the next six months the council will study offering Baum a contract to continue serving as city manager - if Baum wishes to keep doing both jobs - or if the city needs to go in a different direction.

The council voted to drop acting from Baum's title to avoid any conflicts with the city's charter.

Baum said that he has one drive for his mission while he stays in the city manager's seat.

"I just look forward to helping the city move forward in a positive way," Baum said.

Baum was hired by Thayer to serve as the Grayling Police Chief on Jan. 5, 2009, replacing Karl Schreiner who resigned in September after serving 31 years with the department.

Baum served as the Sheriff of the Montmorency Sheriff's Department for three and a half years. Prior to that, Baum worked as a detective/sergeant and deputy for the Montmorency Sheriff's Department.

## Raffle Winners

## Grayling Youth Booster Club

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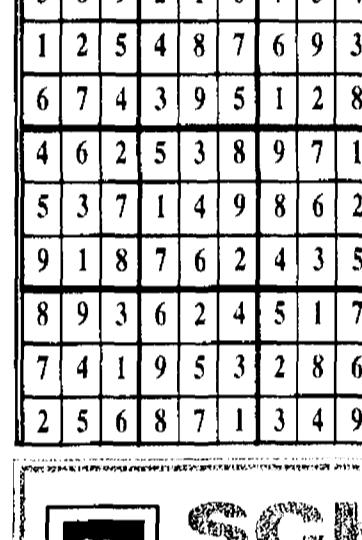
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# Historical Keepsake Edition

*A brief look at the history of Crawford County*



**M**elvin Nielson and his new bride, Ruth Elaine Hodgins, are pictured on their wedding day, April 27, 1947.

Photo courtesy of Generations Management LLC



**M**elvin Nielson was recently inducted into Grayling High School's Alumni Hall of Fame.

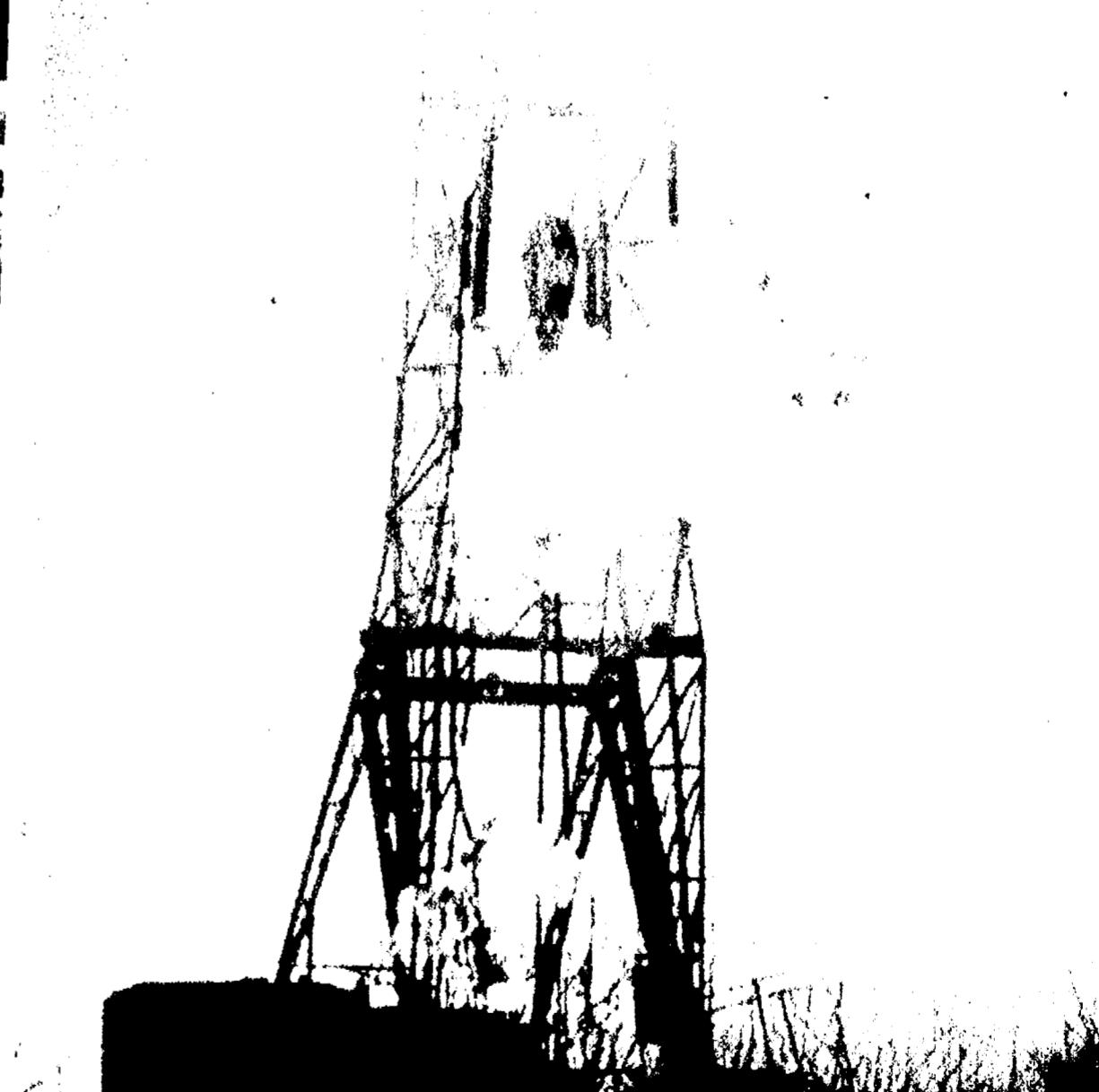
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**O**il and gas exploration would not go on without major glitches and incidents. On March 3, 1970, a huge fire occurred at the State Chester Venture Well 115 near Gaylord in Otsego County. Over its lifetime, the State Chester Well produced more than \$72 million in gas and oil.

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## 'Man From Grayling' made his mark in the oil and gas business

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by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

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Perhaps the name of the company now run by Nielson’s grandchildren, Generations Management LLC, tells it best of his 142-year business relationship between the early days of Grayling and the Salling, Hanson & Co.

The Nielson family had a book titled “Man From Grayling, The Life and Times of Melvin K. Nielson” authored by family friend and retired Navy helicopter pilot Mike Stock.

Men by the name Rasmus Hanson, Nels Michelson, Ernest Salling and John Bruun were the prime movers in the development and growth of Grayling during its first 60 years. Not only did these men possess vision, business acumen and a flair for dealing with people, they also had one other shared attribute – all of them immigrated to the United States from Denmark.

In 1914, Bruun arrived at Ellis Island in New York at the age of 18. He headed for Grayling, where friends and family had settled. After scaling logs in the woods for a year, Bruun’s fortunes changed when his superiors at Salling, Hanson & Co. invited him to work at their office in Grayling. Within a few years, he became a major stockholder and secretary of the company. After the death of Rasmus Hanson in 1927, Bruun was appointed trustee of Salling, Hanson & Co. Trust, in charge of managing its business affairs. He later went on to found and become president of the Grayling State Savings Bank.

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Photo courtesy of Crawford County Historical Society

**John Bruun, the founder and president of the Grayling State Savings Bank, guided Melvin Nielson's business career from the time he graduated from the Grayling High School and when he returned to Grayling after serving in World War II. Above, Bruun is pictured with his faithful friend, Josephine.**



Photo courtesy of Crawford County Historical Society

**A photo of the interior of the Salling, Hanson & Co. office in Grayling. Most of the furniture is still being used today in the office for Generations Management LLC in Traverse City.**

# 'Man From Grayling' | Continued

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In 1917, Grayling was humming with two chemical plants and eight lumber mills in operation. The period was the high watermark for the city, which had a population of 4,000 residents. Since that time the population has declined to less than 2,000, according to the 2000 Census.

Prior to his death, Hanson and other partners formed the Grayling Development Corporation for the primary purpose of promoting commercial development of cut over land owned by Salling, Hanson & Co. One of the avenues pursued was the possibility of mining valuable minerals including oil. As an officer of the Grayling Development Corporation, John Bruun was a prime mover in the discovery of oil and gas in Crawford County. Northern Michigan Land and Oil Corporation, was founded by Bruun when the Grayling Development Corporation was liquidated following Hanson's death.

"John Bruun held a very valuable role in the history of Grayling, for he was both of the old lumbering days and the newer economics of resort-tourism business," according the First 100 Years of Grayling, which documents instrumental historical events, figures and businesses in the community. "John Bruun served aptly in the dangerous transition period, and the community can ever be thankful for the scrappy Dane who thought nothing was impossible."

Jens Perter Wilhem Nielson, Melvin Nielson's grandfather, arrived in the United States in October 1893 and came to Grayling. He worked as a mason, constructing many of the mammoth fire places in vacation homes for the wealthy

which are located along the AuSable River.

Nielson and his wife, Elise, had four children born in Denmark. Their last and youngest child, Otto Nielson, was born in the United States. Elise died shortly after Otto's birth.

Otto went to live with some foster parents in Grayling, Marie and Fred Hansen.

Otto's eventual wife, Mollie Anderson of Mio came to Grayling and worked as a nanny for the Krause family. The couple was married on Aug. 14, 1921.

Melvin Nielson was born March 31, 1922. The couple's second and last child, Weldon, was born Oct. 14, 1923.

The family lived on the southside of the community during meager financial times.

It was like being on a never-ending camping trip with a ramshackle house being used for sleeping instead of a tent. Life was not easy during those days, and with the Great Depression looming around the corner, it would get much worse.

Melvin remembers being aware of how little money his family had to live on and these meager financial circumstances contributed to his desire to make money later in life. His father made 30 cents an hour working at the Kerr-Hanson Flooring Co.

"We all seemed to know we were poor, but I guess people enjoyed life anyway," Melvin said. "They might have wished for other things, but would come back to reality very quickly."

It drove him to be successful at a number of jobs during his school years – at a time when finding any job was difficult.

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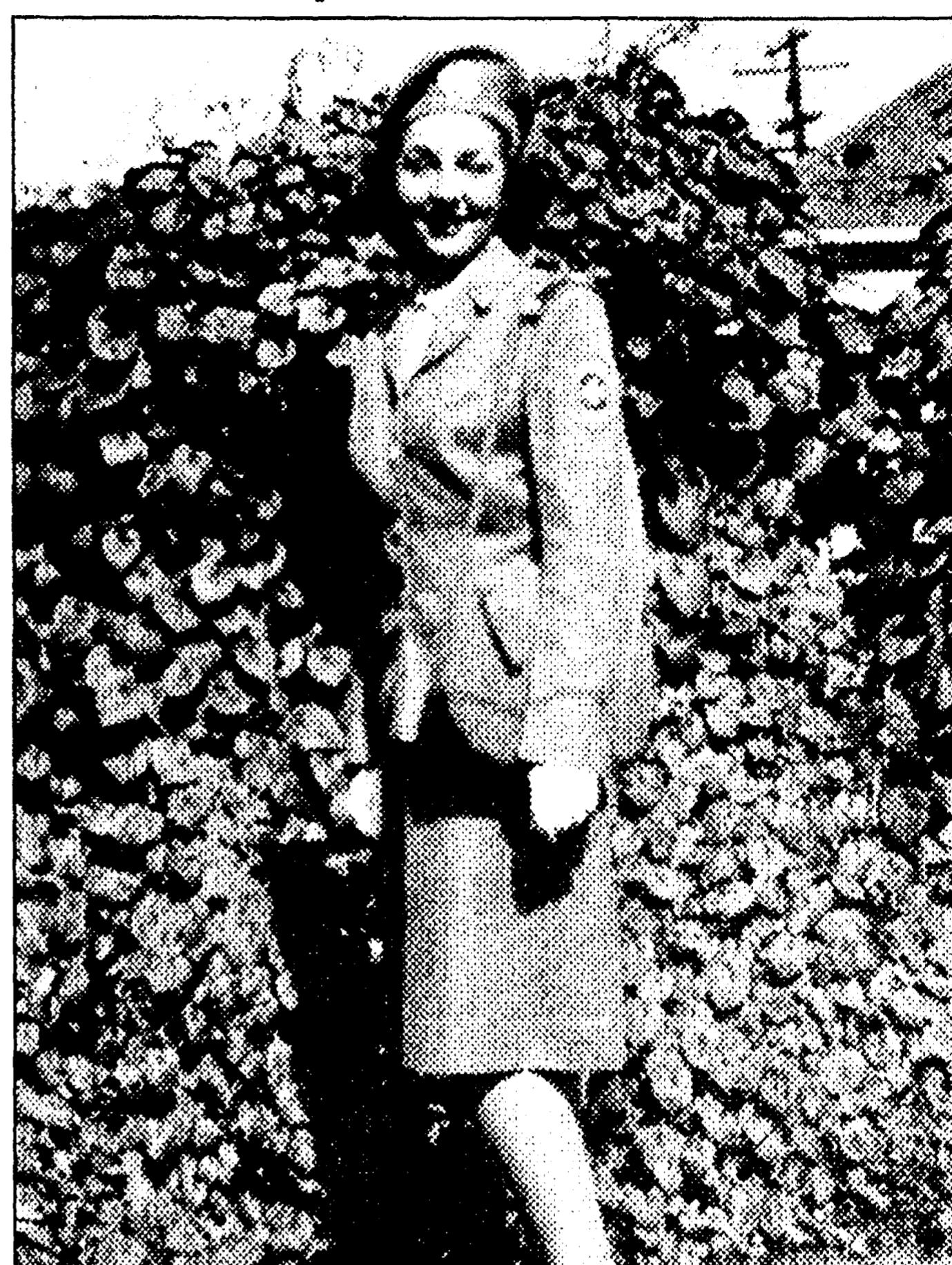
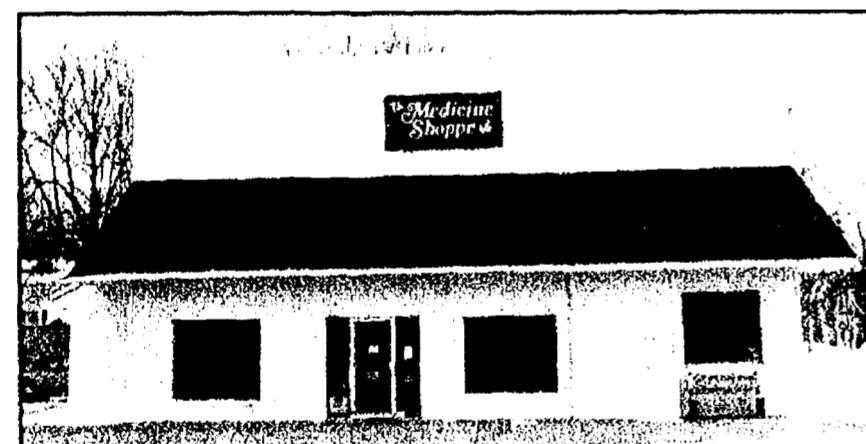


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Above, Ruth Hodgins is pictured in her U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps uniform during the summer of 1944. After completing the program, she worked at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

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Melvin was self-motivated, a hard and dependable worker and self-starter – traits that would serve him well during his long and successful business career.

Melvin began his working career at the age of 10, selling vegetables door-to-door for other Danish neighbors grew vegetables and flowers in a greenhouse.

At the age of 12, Melvin got a summer job working as a golf caddie at the Grayling Country Club. Over successive summers, Melvin worked his way up to become the manager of the pro shop the summer after his high school graduation. The businessmen and influential members of Grayling had been watching him as he carried their golf bags around the course and were impressed with what they saw.

“You are always interviewing,” Melvin said.

During his early school years, Melvin was known to be quite the prankster.

On a Halloween night, Melvin and four friends decided they would take Harold “Spike” MacNeven’s Model-T Ford for a joyride. MacNeven and his wife, Ruby, were working late at Spike’s Keg O’ Nails, so they knew no adults would be home and the car would be in the garage. Quietly, the gang of five opened the garage door and pushed the car into the street. But before they could get it started, a group of police and fireman cruising the neighborhood for mischief-makers spotted the boys. Leaving the car in the middle of street, the boys bailed out and Melvin dove into a lilac bush. Four boys were rounded up by police and taken to the police station, while Melvin went undetected.

On another Halloween, Melvin and friends took a farmer’s hay wagon, taking it piece by piece through a trapdoor leading to the roof of the high school, and reassembling it with the tongue hanging over the roof for everyone to see. This caper went undetected.

During his school years, Melvin worked at Carl’s Barbershop. His job was to fire up the coal-burning furnace and hot water heater. He swept and mopped the floors, cleaned the mirrors and spruced up the bathroom. Woodsmen were paid once a month. On pay weekend, the rough and tumble came to Grayling to get cleaned up. The first stop was at Carl’s Barbershop, where they took a bath, then got a shave and haircut. Melvin had the unfortunate task of cleaning the tub after each bath, while smelly, grubby men were impatiently waiting in line. In return for cleaning the bathtub, Melvin was allowed to run a shoeshine operation in the barbershop.

When he worked at the barbershop shining shoes, Bruun, who got a shave every day, gave Melvin the keys to his apartment over the Salling, Hanson & Co. so that Melvin could shine his riding boots. Melvin never handled or took things from the apartment, so Bruun knew he was a hard worker and could be trusted.

Melvin worked the last two years of high school at the Rialto Theatre as an usher.

Melvin graduated from high school in 1940 at the age of 18. The 30 members in his graduating class were somewhat unique in those days because about 60 percent of students dropped out of school

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Above, Melvin Nielson and Ruth Hodgins are pictured together on Aug. 2, 1945, just prior to end of the World War II.

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before graduation. The class prophecy attempted to predict what each student would achieve in his or her lifetime. In recognition of Melvin's high achievement in business classes and a part-time job when he delivered Coca-Cola, his fellow students predicted that one day he would become president of Coca-Cola. Melvin assisted a delivery driver, delivering Coca-Cola to area retailers and businesses during his senior year.

In the spring of 1942, Melvin was at Moshier's Auto Repair discussing the upcoming baseball season with Bill Moshier. Bill LaChappelle stopped in to get gas, and asked Melvin if he wanted to go on a date with the sister of his girlfriend. Melvin met Ruth Hodges, who would eventually become his wife.

Connections with Gordon Olsen, owner of the Rialto, who was on the Grayling State Savings Bank's board of directors, as was Billy Raue and Oscar Hanson, golfers who Melvin caddied for

at the Grayling Country Club, led to a job offer from Bruun to work at the bank. Melvin worked at the bank for two years before, like many other young men, went off to serve the country for World War II.

In April 1942, Melvin drove to Detroit to take the aptitude test for the Army Air Corps. He scored above average on all sections except for the one involving mechanical aptitude. The Air Corps rejected him from flying fighters and bombers, but did say he could fly light observation planes used to spot artillery and for reconnaissance missions. This did not appeal to him. Next, Neilson tried to join the Marine Corps in Grand Rapids, but his efforts ended in disappointment again when doctors found a disqualifying heart murmur.

With his options narrowed, Melvin finally enlisted in the Army with his younger brother, Weldon. They left for basic training on Dec. 4, 1942.

When they arrived at Fort Leonard Wood, the brothers went their separate

ways. Weldon was assigned to the Pacific Theatre, while Melvin was assigned to Europe. They would not see each other again for almost four years.

Melvin was assigned to the 13th Infantry Regiment, one of the most famous and longest serving regiments in the United States Army.

“The United States has given me many freedoms, so many, that all the boys in the service don't even think twice about being killed,” Melvin said in a letter to Ruth while he was preparing to leave for the battlefield. “We know what we are fighting for, most of all our loved ones, moms, dads and sweethearts. It's really hard times, but we are proud to prove just what Americans are made of. This Army is made of skill, guts and spirit which will never die, no matter how tough the going is. Someday the people will have a celebration that the war is over. I sincerely pray I shall have the chance in that celebration with you. However, the road ahead is still bloody and tough.”

Melvin's unit, which was assigned to serve with the 8th Infantry, got its first taste of combat at Omaha Beach, 28 days before the D-Day landings.

“The mind protects you from these horrors by turning the ghastly scene into an abstraction, like a painting in an art gallery,” he said. “At times I felt like a zombie, not feeling anything – no sorrow, no loss, no fear, no anger.”

Melvin earned a purple heart while the 8th Infantry Division was positioned on the German border. He was in a house when an infamous German V-1 buzz bomb was shot down by antiaircraft fire. The bomb impacted between two houses about 50 feet from where Melvin was standing. The blast blew in the windows of the houses and vaporized everything in a 200 to 300 foot radius leaving a huge crater. Several soldiers were bleeding profusely from lacerations and suffered from temporary hearing loss.

Next, on Nov. 16, 1944 the division  
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was ordered to proceed to an area south-east of the German City of Aachen, which was taken a month before and was one of the first major cities to fall to the Allies.

The battle in the Hurtgen Forest became known as one of the bloodiest and most highly contested battles in the war, famous for its tenacious and savage fighting, rugged terrain, bitter cold weather and high number of casualties on both sides.

"In the Hurtgen Forest proper, our gains came inch by inch and foot by foot, delivered by men with rifles-bayonets on one end and grim, resolute courage on the other," said General William G. Weaver, commanding general for the 8th Division. "There was no battle of Europe more devastating, frustrating or gory."

A total 5,057 POWs from the front lines were brought to the back and placed in detention enclosures. The battle also resulted in the loss of Ruhr Industrial Area, severely impacting the German's ability to wage war.

Germany signed terms for an unconditional surrender on May 9, 1945. Melvin said the German soldiers were tired, beaten men, who were glad the war was over for them.

During 10 months of combat, the 8th Infantry Division captured 316,187 prisoners of war and huge supplies of enemy war material. The division suffered 13,292 killed, wounded and captured.

During a 14-day furlough, Melvin was reunited with Ruth. The 8th Division was scheduled to retrofit and train for operations in the Pacific. It was during this break that the United States dropped two

atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Japan surrendered, signaling an end to World War II.

During the war, a large number of nurses who were volunteering or being drafted into the military caused a critical shortage of nurses on the home front. In response, the federal government created the U.S. Cadet Corps Nurse program on July 1, 1943. The program paid full tuition, fees, room and board and a small monthly stipend. In return, the Cadets took an oath to serve their country for the duration of the war.

Ruth went through the program, and then worked at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

On Oct. 15, 1945 Melvin, returned to his parent's home and enrolled in the Lansing Business College as a full-time student. He later transferred to the Detroit Business College, to be closer to Ruth. The couple was married on April 27, 1947 at the Congregation Church on Woodward Avenue.

Melvin started doing accounting and tax business after returning to Grayling in 1947. He did work for John Bruun's business activities, including Northern Michigan Land and Oil Company, the Salling, Hanson & Company Trust and two other trusts. He also did accounting for other businesses, civic organizations and non-profit groups. Melvin worked for Bruun at the Grayling Insurance Agency, which Bruun started for customers of the bank who needed insurance in 1946. He also worked at the Rialto Theatre, served on the Crawford AuSable School Board and was a leader and teacher at the Michelson Memorial

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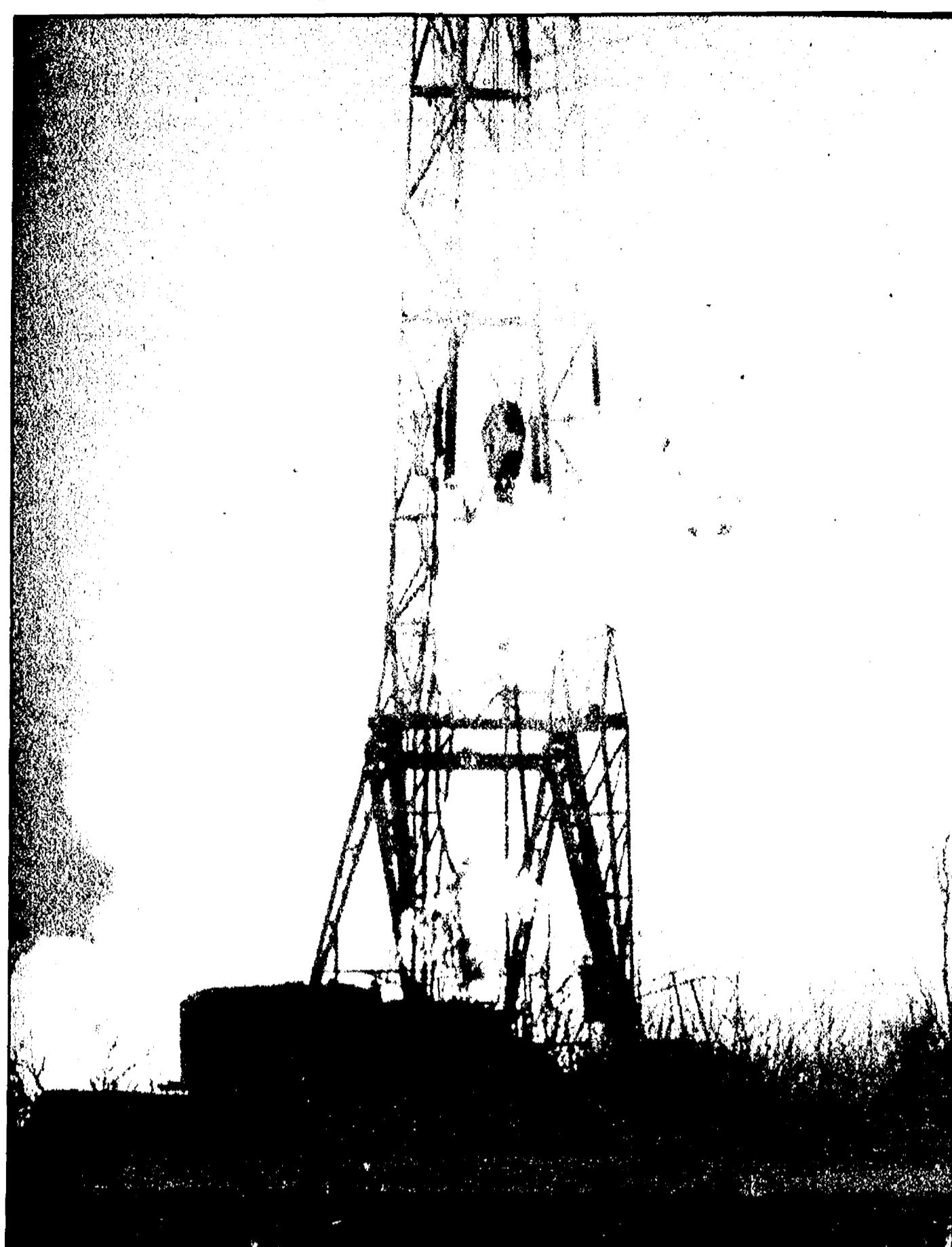


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On March 3, 1970, a huge fire occurred at the State Chester Venture Well 115 near Gaylord in Otsego County. The fire was caused by a spark from an unknown origin.

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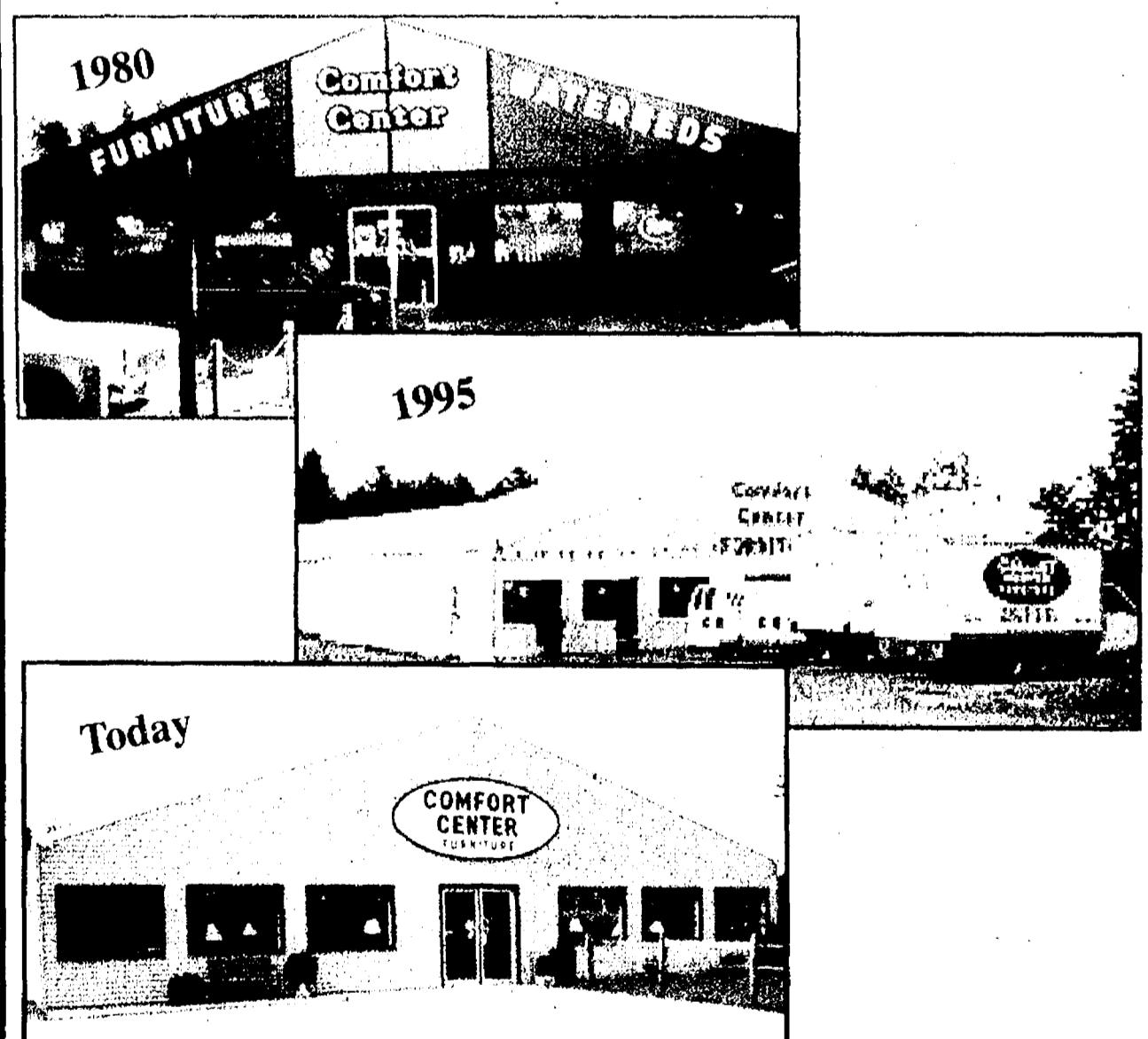


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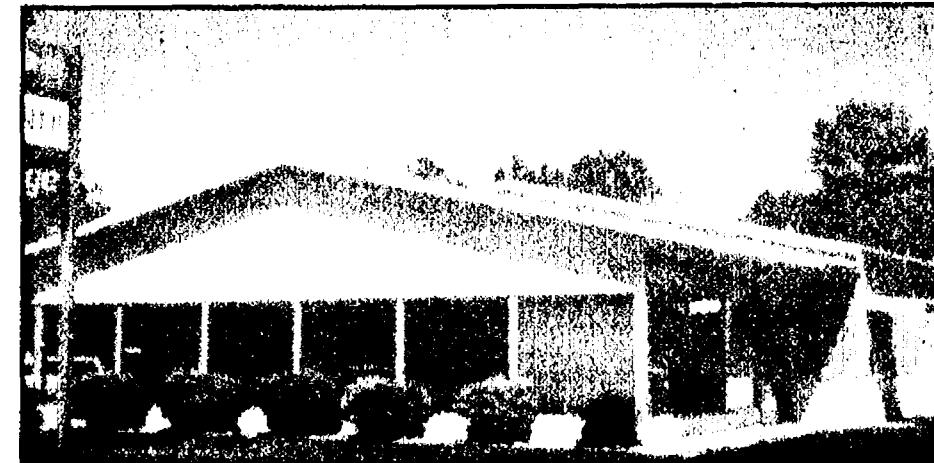
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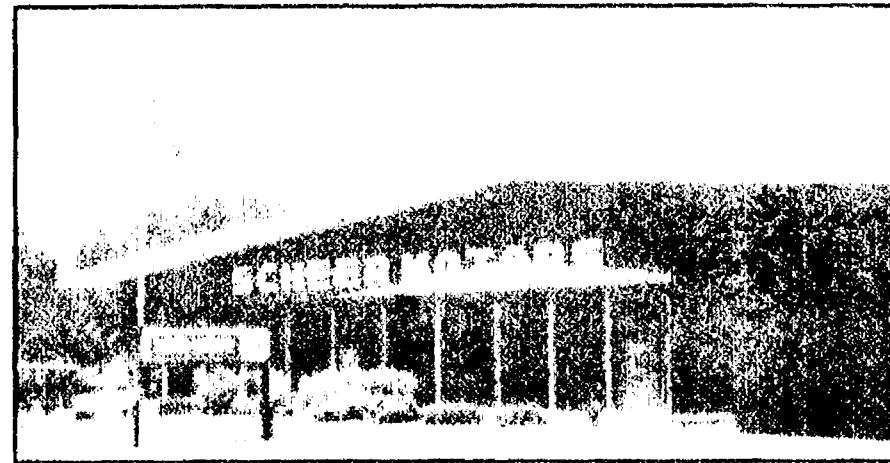
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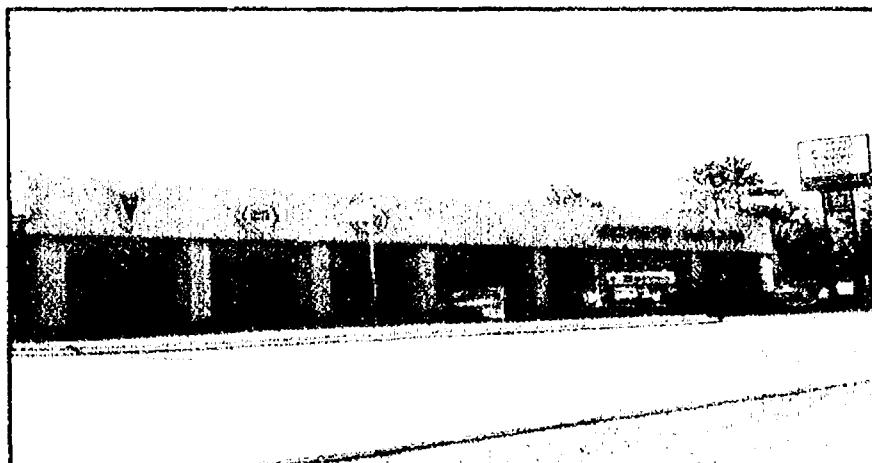
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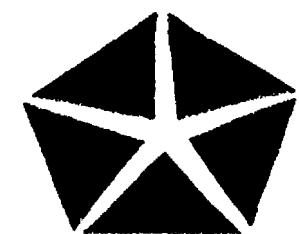
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In 1960, Melvin purchased the Grayling Insurance Agency from Bruun.

Edward Skinner, who went on to have a successful career in the insurance industry, said Bruun was a business mentor.

“To this day, I credit Melvin Nielson with installing in me a can do attitude, a competitive spirit and a strong work ethic,” Skinner said.

Bruun died in 1966. He was 70. Since he had no children, he willed 51 percent of Northern Michigan Land and Oil Company to Melvin.

Melvin would go on to spearhead the exploration of oil and gas in northern Michigan. The Antrim Shale gas and oil layer, which stretches across northern Michigan, contains six times of the world's known oil reserves.

Oil and gas exploration would not go on without major glitches and incidents. On March 3, 1970, a huge fire occurred at

State Chester Venture Well 115 near Gaylord in Otsego County. The fire was caused by a spark from an unknown origin. Local firefighters responded, but did not have the training or equipment to properly battle the blaze. Experts in putting out oil and gas well fires were summoned from Houston. On March 15, the fire went out and the noise of escaping natural gas was quieted. The economic loss included the cost of a \$300,000 drilling rig, \$120,000 in natural gas vaporized and more than \$50,000 to put out the blaze. Over its lifetime, the State Chester well produced more than \$72 million in gas and oil and made Melvin a millionaire by age 48. To this day, it remains the second largest producing gas well ever discovered in Michigan.

Melvin was instrumental in the development of the Sherwood Forest subdivisions in 1969 and 1976 and the Viking Village subdivision in 1979-80.

Through the 1980's and 90's, northern Michigan Land and Oil drilled 294

Antrim gas wells. The company experiences its ups and downs with the rest of the industry, and was dissolved in 2007. The 294 gas wells drilled by the company, however, remain in production.

The third generation of the Nielson family, Cori Nielson, Keith Nielson and Jonathan Crosby still have ties with the oil and gas industry through Generations Management LLC.

“Melvin says that wisdom comes with experience,” Keith Nielson said. “You can learn a lot in books but this is knowledge – not wisdom. Wisdom is learned in the class of hard knocks.”

Generations Management LLC has 214,000 square feet of income property, located primarily in Traverse City, Gaylord and Grand Blanc.

The company also operates Team Services in Kalkaska. The company has been providing comprehensive service work to the oil and gas industry since 2001. Geographically, Team Services' main area of operations is the northern

Lower Peninsula, although the company performs and continues to expand work throughout the United States and Canada. Team Services provides its customers with a wide range of services, such as well completion, waste disposal, well stimulation and application of new technologies, especially regarding horizontal/lateral drilling techniques.

Generations Management LLC owns and manages Navitas Development, as it continues to carry on one of Generation's earliest ventures – oil and gas exploration, development and production. The first well was drilled in 1936 in northern Michigan. Along the way it partnered with commanding industry leaders such as Shell Oil, Amoco, Delta and several others. Additionally, it partnered with other Michigan independent oil and gas men and women, which culminated in the drilling, producing and operating of approximately 300 natural gas wells from 1968 through 1997.

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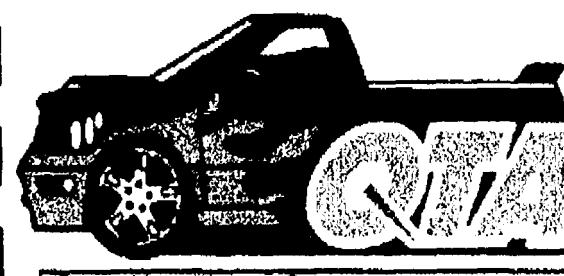
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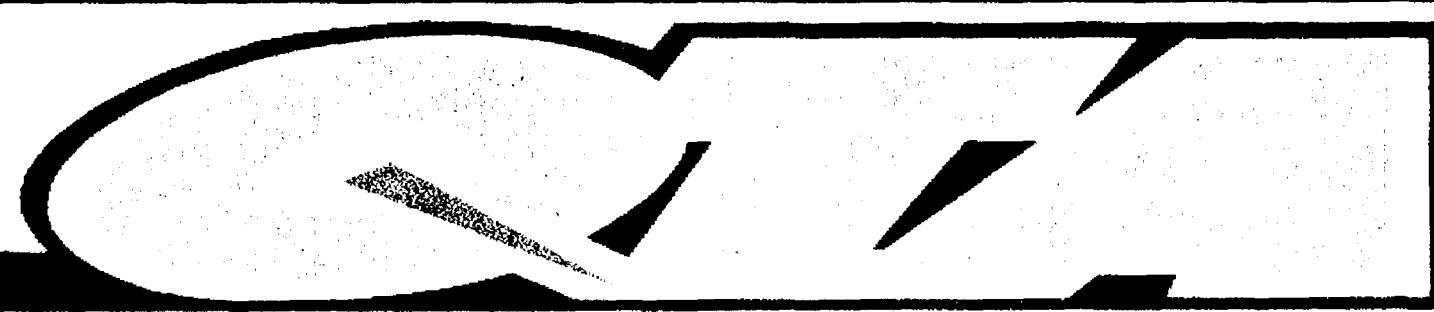
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Generations Management LLC owns the Cold Stone Creamery of Traverse City. In 2002, the franchise rights for Cold Stone Creamery were acquired. From unique ice cream creations to smoothies, cakes and shakes, it starts with using the highest quality ingredients and ends with Cold Stone's signature process for preparing custom creations on a frozen granite stone. The store is operated in downtown Traverse City.

Finally, the firm owns and operates Pathway Homes, a custom homebuilder of green, Energy Star rated homes located in Traverse City. Pathway is a very unique company that has brought together a highly experienced group of partners allowing them to build a custom home, streamline the development and construction process and ensure that each new green built custom home fits the owner's lifestyle and individual goals.

Previously, Generations Management LLC owned CPI Products. Acquired in 1994, CPI was involved in the engineering and manufacturing of end-arm tooling components and systems. Under Generations Management LLC ownership, CPI received Six Sigma and ISO

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Top Tire was formed in 1998. Generations partnered in this venture with a family member who had a very successful career within the industry. Top Tire provides quality products and excellent customer service to a previously un-served area in northern Michigan. Although Generations has exited its ownership position, the business continues to thrive.

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Grayling native Roger Kesseler recalls the Nielson family from his boyhood. He said he would go to their home when he smelled cookies in the oven coming through their screen door to get a couple. He added that youth were always around the Nielson home, when they moved to Ingham Street, especially during the winter months for skiing and sledding.

"They were tolerant of kids they never fussed about them being around and they were very supportive of kids and young families," Kesseler said.

For the last decade, Kesseler, a former

vice president for the Dow Chemical Company and Central Michigan University Board Trustee, has served on an advisory board that oversees Nielson family and business affairs. Kesseler has witnessed Melvin in action at the annual meetings.

"I also admired his business acumen and ability to provide business leadership - both in the community as well as a businessman," Kesseler said. "He's a person you could always rely on and his word is as good as gold."

Dr. Vernon Blaha, who started his family practice in Grayling in 1958, got to know Melvin as a businessman and member of the Grayling Country Club. Blaha served as the family physician for the Nielson family.

"He's a wonderful man and has been a good friend for years," Blaha said. "He is very community oriented and did a lot of hard work for the community."

Most recently, Melvin was inducted into 2010 Grayling High School's Alumni Hall of Fame.

George Stancil, who now operates the family's landmark Rialto Theatre in Grayling, said Melvin always recalls a trip he took to Detroit after his graduation with Gordon Olsen, then the owner of the Rialto. Melvin and eight fellow employees stayed in hotels, went to a Detroit Tigers Game, a theatre and a club.

"It was like he died and had gone to heaven," Stancil said. "That was just a nice and enjoyable time for him."

Stancil said he recently came across one of Melvin's pay vouchers for his work at the theatre and looked up to him as business and community mentor.

"He was able to make the most of what



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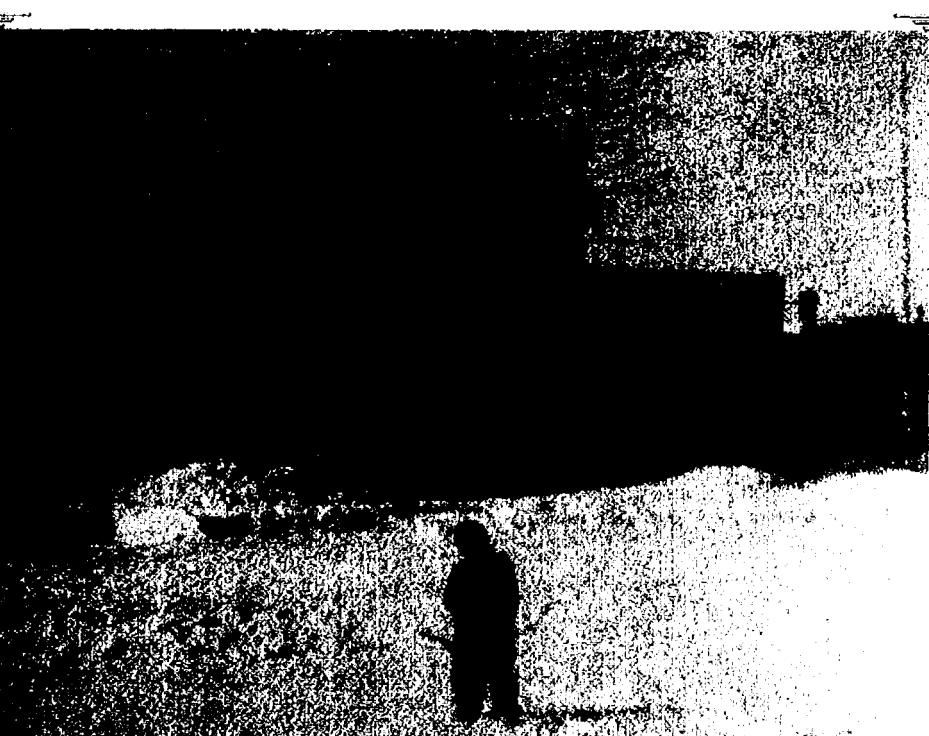
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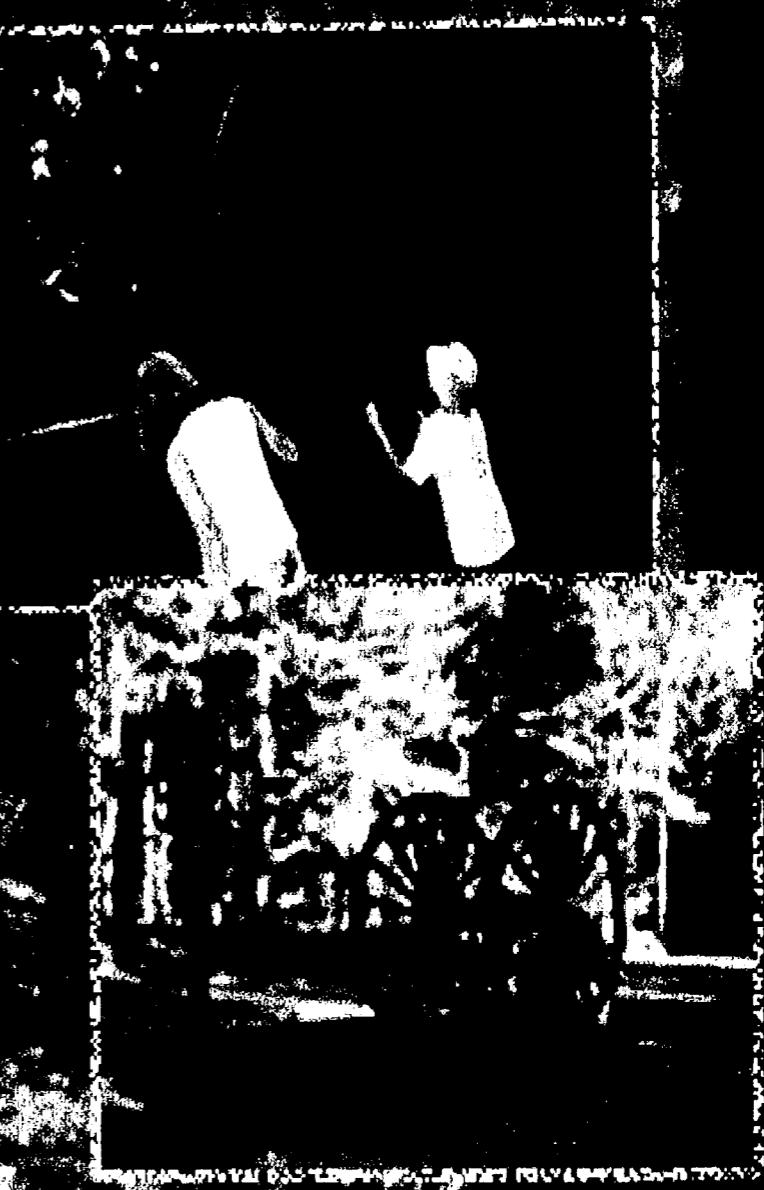
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at the Logging Museum

July 3rd~ Live Animal Presentation at the Visitor Center - 3pm

July 4th~ Historic Reading of the Declaration of Independence - 1pm at Picnic Area  
and Vintage Baseball Game

July 10th~ Michael Darren's "Past in Person Program" - 7pm in the Logging Museum

July 17-18th~ Men Shaving Days - 10am- 4pm Each Day

July 17th~ Happy Birthday Hartwick Pines-75th Anniversary of the dedication of Hartwick Pines

August 14th~ Forest Fest - 10am-4pm at the Visitor's Center

August 14th~ Bill Jamerson "Songs of the Lumberjacks" at the Logging Museum- 7pm

August 28-29th~ Black Iron Days - 10am-4pm Both Days

September 6th~ The Labor of Logging- Labor Day Program at the Logging Museum - 2pm

September 24-26th~ 19th Century Lumber Days-Historic Logging Demonstration-

Friday - 9am-4pm • Saturday and Sunday- 10am-4pm

September 25th~ An Evening at the Logging Camp Lantern Program - 7pm-9pm

October 16th~ Critters in the Moonlight Halloween Program - 5pm-8:30pm at the Picnic Area

Located just north of Grayling, off I-75

You'll love the view...

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Hartwick Pines State Park



All Events Free. Motor Vehicle permit needed to enter park.